

HOME PRACTICE ACTIVITIES FOR ARTICULATION

1. Have your child make a list (written/oral) of all the things she can find in the house that have her target sound in the word. How many things are in the kitchen? Bedroom? Garage? To make this challenging, give your child a time limit. See how many things she can identify in one or two minutes. Make it a competition. Can you find more items than Mom can? Dad?
2. Play 'I'm Thinking Of' games or 'Twenty Questions'. Choose an object located in your house, backyard, or neighborhood, or use a relative's name that has your child's target sound(s) in the word.
3. Have your child keep a daily log of how many words she finds that contain her target sound. Your child could pick one television show to watch and write down the words she hears that have her sound.
4. See if your child can 'catch' you saying the target sound in error.
5. Play 'Scattergories' with the target sound. For example, list as many animals as you and your child can think of that begin or end with the target sound (rabbit, deer, snake, horse). Use many different categories (sports teams, foods).
6. Have your child cut out pictures from magazines or newspapers that represent a word with the target sound. Make a scrapbook or collage with the pictures. Individual words can be cut out as well.
7. Have your child take note of the number of words in her homework or spelling lists that have the target sound in them.
8. As you read material out loud (such as a story, paragraph) stop when you come to a word that has your child's target sound in it and ask your child to supply the missing word. This activity can also be done with favorite songs, nursery rhymes, poems, or math facts.
9. Have your child use a highlighter to mark all the words she can find in newspapers or magazines that contain her target sound.
10. On your next grocery store shopping trip, have your child identify items in each aisle that contain her target sound. Which aisle has the most items? Which aisle has the fewest items?
11. Play 'Hangman' using words that contain your child's target sound.