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Communicating

Communicating is figuring out how to express what we want to say and realizing how others will understand our communication.

Use Rhymes or Wordplay

- By singing and rhyming with children, we teach them how to articulate words and practice the pitch, volume, and rhythm of their native language. This helps them develop the listening and concentration skills essential for brain development and memory.
- Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. For example, "I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with 'bear!'" Then use the rhymed words to create a song, story, or poem.

Utilize Songs and Sounds in the Story

- Sing and read about animals using the sounds of each one. Animal sounds are fun to make and provide an opportunity to practice the many sounds we use when speaking.
- Bring books to life! Give characters different voices and sound out the actions. Adding this element to stories will draw kids' attention to the rhythm, intonation, and actions used.

Expand Vocabulary and Use New Words

- Spice up your conversations! Substitute synonyms for everyday words. Synonyms are usually more descriptive than the original word. When it comes to vocabulary building, "Enormous" is always better than "Big."
- Build on your child's basic comprehension of well-known words by making labels for commonly used items. This will help them learn to recognize what the words looks like. You can label rooms in the home, kitchen items, and tools in the garage. Be creative!



Find a list of books that feature
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