Imitation Skills: Stuffed Animals

Language Milestones Targeted

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<th>Expressive Language</th>
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<td>Uses 30-50 words regularly</td>
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Materials
Stuffed animals

Words to Imitate
Any word or sound

How to Play
Get on the floor with your child in a familiar spot such as the playroom.

- First: Model *how* to imitate the teddy bear while your child simply watches. For example, have your teddy bear make a sound or word that your child can already say (i.e., “baba”). Then, you, the parent, imitates the bear (i.e., say “baba”).

- Next: After a few introductions, engage your child. To begin, use sounds or words your child can already imitate. Have the bear say a sound and then encourage your child to repeat. You want your child to be successful with this game. Praise your child for all attempts to imitate and make it fun.

- Last: Once your child enjoys playing this game, start adding new words or sounds (depending on the level of your child).

  - For example, if your child can imitate "ba" while the bear is playing with a bottle, try to add another syllable such as "baba.” If your child can imitate a word such as "hi," add another word such as "hi doggie" or "hi kitty."

Notes To Parents: ____________________________________________________
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Notes To Speech Therapist:______________________________________________
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