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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Language Simplified Blocks

Expressive Language	Receptive Language
Uses 30-50 words regularly	Understands ~ 300 words
60% intelligible	Follows simple directions
Imitates words easily	Points to body parts
Vocab increases each month	Points to pictures in books
Asks simple questions	Understands "no"
Speaks using 2 word phrases	

## What you need

Legos, blocks, or any toy that your child enjoys. It is best if the toy has colors and lots of pieces.

## How to Play

There are no specific directions on how to "play" this game. Instead, playtime is a great way to model language for your child. Remember to ask questions and make comments using simple, direct language. Here are some examples of some great vocabulary to model: up, down, fall down, colors, numbers, build, knock down, on, off, in, out, big, small. These vocabulary words and concepts are all appropriate for toddlers.

## Tips:

- Using simple language at this age does not mean baby talk. Your speech should be slower with a little more animation but closer to adult-like speech.

- Match your child's length of utterance and then add one more word. If your child speaks using 1 word, use 2 words. If your child does not speak yet, use 1 word phrases, etc...

**Block Script**

*Child who is 20 months old and says about 15 words.*

Child:	Block. (picks up a block and starts to build a tower)
Parent:	Block, block up. (repeats word and stacks another block)
Child:	Up. (puts another block on the tower)
Parent:	Good. Up, block up!

**Block Script**

*Child who is 2 years old and says about 20 words and speaks using 2 word phrases.*

Child:	Big block. (picks up a block and starts to build a tower)
Parent:	Big block on top. (repeats phrase and stacks another block)
Child:	On top. (puts another block on the tower)
Parent:	On top!, Block on top!

Notes To Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes To Speech Therapist: \_\_\_\_\_