

Name: _____

Date: _____

Question Time: Toys

Language Milestones Targeted

Expressive Language	Receptive Language
Uses 30-50 words regularly	Understands ~ 300 words
60% intelligible	Follows simple directions
Imitates words easily	
Vocab increases each month	
Asks simple questions	

What You Need

A farm, house, blocks, play food, or anything with multiple pieces

How To Play

1. Sit down on the floor with your child.
2. Get out a few toys such as a dollhouse and toy dog. Get your child interested in the game.
3. Once your child joins the game, take out 2 more objects and show your child.
4. If your child names one object, then give it to him/her.
5. If your child only points to an object or tries to grab it, then continue with the question technique.
6. Say the name of each object as you show them to your child using inflection (as if you were asking a question). Hopefully, your child will repeat one of the names here.
7. If not: Once you know which toy your child wants, say the name of it while holding it next to your mouth. Allow a few seconds for your child to repeat it. If no word is spoken, offer the toy halfway and repeat the name. Give your child a few seconds to respond. If your child still only points or grunts, then repeat the name one more time as you give the object. Praise your child for listening and trying!

Tips:

- Offer only 2 options.
- Make sure you show the items to your child as you name them.
- Use simple language.
- Ask the initial question and then provide models for 2 possible answers that matches your child's language ability. By offering a choice, your child learns what kind of response such a question requires. Your child has the opportunity to repeat words which is a great learning opportunity and/or vocabulary review.

Dollhouse Game Script: What NOT TO DO

Parent:	What toy do you want next to put in your house?
Child:	Points to a box full of toys.
Parent:	Which toy do you want? Use your words.
Child:	Whines louder (frustrated!)
Parent:	Tell me what you want to play with.
Child:	Crying
Parent:	What toy do you want next to put in your house?

***In this script, the parent does not offer choices and the child does not know how to respond. This can cause frustration! The child wasn't able to communicate and a language learning opportunity was lost.*

Dollhouse Game Script: What TO DO

Parent:	What do you want next? Girl (shows toy girl) or cat (shows toy cat)?
Child:	Child points to cat
Parent:	Cat? Repeats cat while holding cat next to mouth
Child:	Smiles and points to cat
Parent:	Cat, move the toy cat halfway to the child
Child:	Cat
Parent:	Cat, good talking! Gives cat to child

Notes To Parents: _____

Notes To Speech Therapist: _____