

First and Second Grade Expressive/Receptive Language

Below you will find links, tips for parents, and activities to support working with your child on their language skills at home.

Board Games for Speech/Language Development: <https://teachingtalking.com/best-board-games-for-speech-therapy/>

Games and Areas They Target for Language Development:

- Cranium by Cranium Corp.- vocabulary, describing
- Creator: The Race to Build it Board Game by Lego- sequencing, following directions, prepositions
- Chomp by Gamewright- sequencing, analysis
- Never Ending Stories by Discovery Toys- Narrative composition, predicting
- Silly Sentences by School Zone- Sentence creation and structure, parts of speech, grammar
- 30 Second Mysteries by University Games- Inferencing, problem solving, asking/answering questions
- Guess Who? and Guess Where? By Milton Bradley- asking and answering questions, categorization, problem solving by deduction
- Candyland- colors
- Hi Ho Cherry O- counting, subtracting
- Yahtzee-(modified) adding double and triple digits
- Clue- inferencing, problem solving
- Cat in the Hat, I Can do That- Following Directions
- Stare!- memory, information recall
- Animal Soup- describing

“Car Games”: Easy Language-based games to play at home or in the car:

- *I Spy*- One person picks something in the car without telling the other players but says “I spy something with my little eye, something that (then give clue). The other players then take turns guessing. If the correct object has not been guessed then another clue is given. Continue to do this until the answer has been found.
- *5 Things*- One person names three things in one category. The first person who guesses the category and names an additional two items is the winner and it is then their turn to go.
- *Categories*- One person chooses the category (examples: things that are red, singers, movies, cartoons, books etc). People in the care take turns naming items in the category. You only have 5 seconds to name something, if you can’t within 5 seconds, you lose and are out of the game. The remaining players play again with a different category. The person who just got out of the game decides the category.
- *Simon Says*- One person is the leader and gives the rest of the players directions (ex tap your finger). The players are only supposed to follow the directive if the leader says

“simon says” first. If a player follows the directive without the leader saying “simon says” first, they are out of the game. Continue playing until there is only one winner left.

Narrative Story Starters: <https://www.home-speech-home.com/story-starters-for-speech-therapy.html>

Books to help support speech and language development:
<https://booksharetime.com/>

Tar Heel Reader:

<https://tarheelreader.org/> *Tar Heel Reader is a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches. You may write your own books using pictures from the huge collection at [Flickr](#) or pictures you upload. All books should be complete, edited, and revised to the best of your ability before publishing them to the site. While you are working on them, please save them as drafts. They have books in 8 different languages.*

Reading books with children who have a language delay:

<http://blog.asha.org/2011/06/14/how-to-read-books-with-children-with-language-delay/>

How to Read Wordless Picture Books to Elicit Language:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/reading-without-words-why-and-how-wordless-books.html>

List of Wordless Picture Books:

Title	Author
Carl Goes Shopping	Alexandra Day
Chalk	Bill Thomson
Deep in the Forest	Brinton Turkle
Flotsam	David Wiesner
Frog books	Mercer Mayer
Gall for Daisy	Chris Raschka

Good Dog Carl	Alexandra Day
Goodnight Gorilla	Peggy Rathmann
Here I Am	Patti Kim
Journey	Aaron Becker
Mighty Mizzling Mouse and Red Cabbage House	Friso Henstra
My Fried Rabbit	Eric Rohmann
Pancakes for Breakfast	Tomie de Paola
Quest	Aaron Becker
The Rabbits are Coming	Kathleen Bullock
The Snowman	Raymond Briggs
Tuesday	David Wiesner
Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad	Henry Cole
Wave	Suzy Lee