



Speech & language
therapy

Sound Games using Picture/Word Cards

Find the words

Hide picture cards around a space, e.g. living room or garden. Ask the child to find the words. When they find the word they have to say it. You can then swap so the child is hiding the cards, and you find them. This will allow the child to hear the correct production without any errors.

Post the words

Use a toy post box or make one. Say what the word is then post the picture cards through the hole.

Turn taking game

Use an ordinary turn taking game, but when it's your turn you have to take 1 to 3 picture cards (the adult decides how many) and read what is on the card.

Pictures on the train track

Make a railway track and place all your picture cards along it, with gaps in between. Instruct your child to make the train go all the way around, but when they get to a word they have to lift it up and say what's on it.

Bingo/Lotto style game

For children who can read. In this game you will have to make up a board. Have the picture cards face down on the table so you can't see what is on them. Each person has the same size piece of paper. Draw a table on the paper and write in the words of the pictures (making sure that everyone has different words/no two tables should be the same). Take turns to turn a picture card over and check your board to see if you have the written word that matches the picture. If you do, proceed to match and keep the picture card on the corresponding word. If you don't -put the card back (face down) and the next person will have their turn. First person to complete their board wins.

Giving positive feedback

It might not always be appropriate to correct your child's pronunciation as it may draw too much attention to their errors and make them less willing to try to say things, or they may lose confidence. Chose specific times to correct them. For instance during daily activities you can 'model' the word with the correct pronunciation, e.g. Jimmy says "de boo ban" you say "Yes, the blue van!" When doing an activity working on speech you can give them feedback on their speech, "Aww you mean van. You said ban". Give them positive reinforcement by saying "Good try" and always say the word back to them, that way they can hear the correct production of the sound.

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