11 Preschool Language Development Activities

Inside: Preschool language development can strengthened by building listening and understanding skills. Each of these 11 activities are fun and playful, while also building children’s confidence while using their words.

Using language and communication with young children is crucial for their success in school and beyond. Preschool language development activities should be part of each day in the classroom, and also in the home.

In a previous post, I shared how important it is to build young children’s language development. Teachers and parents can help build listening and understanding skills by talking with them, listening to them, reading and singing with them.

When thinking about what types of activities to provide, keep in mind ways you can encourage young children to use their verbal skills. This can be done in so many fun, playful ways, building their confidence at the same time.

In this post I’m sharing 11 different types of language development ideas that work well in the preschool classroom, although they can be done at home as well.
Preschool Activities that BUILD LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Play group games** that encourage conversation.

**Add small groups** to your classroom schedule that encourage preschoolers to use their verbal skills.

Recite **favorite fingerplays**.

**Use a telephone** in the dramatic play area. (Teach Preschool)

**Create story baskets** to encourage preschoolers to retell stories. (Nurture Store)

**Play an I-spy game** that encourages language participation. (Ready, Set, Read)

**Make an experience book** that encourages children to retell something special they recently participated in. (Two-Daloo)

**Sing songs** to encourage speech.

**Provide listening activities** to build language skills. (Inspiration Laboratories)

Play games that **encourage speaking and listening skills**. (Childhood 101)

**Build letter sounds** by providing rhyming activities. (No Time for Flashcards)
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