

## Favorite Games for Addressing Speech and Language Goals

### Preschool and Early Elementary Expressive Language and Social Communication

The following games are great for expressive and social language!

- ❖ Zingo
- ❖ Zingo 1,2,3
- ❖ Zingo Sight Words



- ❖ The Sneaky Snacky Squirrel Game
- ❖ Hoppy Floppy Happy Hunt
- ❖ Frankie's Food Truck Fiasco Game



- ❖ Catch The Fox
- ❖ Pop Up Pirate
- ❖ Funny Bunny



### Try Modeling Some Phrases

Use these phrases to enhance expressive and social language for young children or children learning basic syntax, grammar, and social language:

- I/you have \_\_\_\_\_.
- I/you don't have\_\_\_\_\_.
- I/you need \_\_\_\_\_.
- I/you don't need \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- I got \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will spin.
- Here you go.
- This is for you.
- My/your turn
- Who has \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do you have \_\_\_\_\_?
- What did you get?

\*\*Siblings can be great models and while helping, they can improve their early academic skills as well!

## Preschool and Elementary: Articulation

Try these games while working on speech sounds/articulation. Kids can say a target word or sound before each turn. Siblings will love playing too.

- ❖ Greedy Granny
- ❖ Pop the Pig
- ❖ Shark Bite



## Late Elementary

Social communication, receptive language, expressive language, reading, and narrative language

These games can be used to increase a child's awareness of others' thoughts and help them to strategize accordingly. Model talking through your thoughts (e.g., I think I will move this pawn because if I don't someone might land on me and I will be sent back to start; I know you had a ship close by, so I will guess \_\_\_\_\_; I see you have 3 in a row here, so I will \_\_\_\_\_). Have students read directions and explain how to play the game.

- ❖ Sorry
- ❖ Battleship
- ❖ Connect Four



Expressive language skills (e.g., describing, formulating sentences) and questioning can be embedded into the following games:

- ❖ Stare
- ❖ Jeepers Peepers
- ❖ MagneTalk Match-up Adventure Kit (Super Duper Publications)



### For All Ages

- ❖ Hide and Seek {Model questions and statements (e.g., "Are you in the \_\_\_\_\_?, Where is \_\_\_\_\_?, I think I hear \_\_\_\_\_., I will look behind \_\_\_\_\_.")}
- ❖ Scavenger Hunt {Hide silly items around the house or outside and give directions for finding them, or have kids ask questions (e.g., "Is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the living room?, Am I close or far away?")}
- ❖ Barrier Game with paper and crayons: Tell each other what to draw so that your pictures match when the barrier is removed. Be sure to include concepts such as big/little, on the top, in the middle, next to, etc.
- ❖ Simon (or your child's name) Says: Take turns being Simon
- ❖ I spy
- ❖ Twenty Questions
- ❖ **Read, Read, Read!!!** One of the best things to do with kids is read to them (even if they can read themselves). Label pictures; Describe pictures; Stop and ask questions; Make predictions; Talk about the characters' problems, feelings, and what they are planning; Discuss unfamiliar words; Keep a running list of new vocabulary words with definitions, synonyms, and examples of how to use them in sentences; have kids repeat or read words or sentences that include target sounds.