

Toys That Promote Speech and Language Skills

Unsure of what to get your child or a friend's child for their birthday or holiday gift? Here are some great suggestions to help promote speech, language, and learning skills!

Toys that Stack:

Toys that stack such as blocks or stacking cups are a great gift for kids! Knock them over and say "crash," "boom," "bang." Use prepositions such as in, on, under, on top, next to, behind, or in front to describe where the blocks are. Hide toys inside the stacking cups and have the child search for them. Talk about the color or size (big, bigger, biggest; tall/short). Work on fine motor and motor planning by stacking different shapes or sizes of blocks.



Toy Phone:

Toy phones are awesome for encouraging speech and language. What is a phone for? Talking! Children can work on expanding their language, improving speech sounds, and their conversational and turn-taking skills all by talking on the phone.



Farm Animals:

Farm animals are a favorite with many kids! You can use routine scripts such as "good night pig," "good night horse," "good night sheep." Talk about animals sounds, "moo," "baa," "peep", etc. Kids can work on answering questions—"where is the sheep?—it's inside." This is a great toy for kids to learn to share with siblings or peers and these interactions can promote good social skills.



**Toys that do nothing spark imagination
and encourage interaction.**

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