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LET THE CONVERSATION BEGIN



Simple Games to Build Communication

Play is one of the best ways to build communication, and you don't need anything fancy. Pick a game, keep your child's **QuickTalker Freestyle®** speech device close by, and model a few words as you play.

1 Ready, Set, Go!

What you need: A toy car

HOW TO PLAY

Hold the car at the starting line and say, *"Ready, set..."* then pause. Give the child a moment to tell you *"go."* Push the car, then wait to see if they ask for more or a turn.

WORDS TO PRACTICE

go | **more** | **car** | **fast** | **my turn** | **look**

Peer Play Line up a car for each child and take turns saying *"go,"* or race the cars side by side.

2 Sneeze the Toy Away

What you need: A small toy or block

HOW TO PLAY

Place the toy on top of your head and pretend to sneeze so it falls off. Act surprised, then put it back on and do it again.

WORDS TO PRACTICE

off / on | **more / all done** | **like / don't like** | **funny** | **silly** | **my turn** | **your turn** | **uh oh** | **oh no**

Peer Play Let each child take a turn being the *"sneezer"* while the others say *"uh oh!"* when the toy falls.

3 Peek-a-Boo

What you need: A blanket, scarf, or small towel

HOW TO PLAY

Hide your face or a favorite toy under the blanket and ask, *"Where is it?"* Pull the blanket away and say, *"Peek-a-boo! I see you!"* Pause to let your child ask for more, then switch roles so they can hide.

WORDS TO PRACTICE

more / all done | **like / don't like** | **peek-a-boo** | **I see you** | **you** | **see** | **look** | **find**

Peer Play Have one child hide under the blanket while the group says *"Where is ___?"* and *"I see you!"*

4 Hot Potato

What you need: A ball, beanbag, or any small toy, plus music

HOW TO PLAY

Sit in a circle and pass the object while the music plays. When the music stops, see who's holding it.

WORDS TO PRACTICE

names | **you** | **me** | **my turn** | **your turn** | **have** | **give** | **pass** | **take** | **hold**

Peer Play Let a different child be in charge of stopping the music each round.

