

Activities to Practice Fluent Speaking

The listed activities are to help and encourage your child to use his or her strategies for using fluent/smooth speech as well as to increase generalization of his or her skills into other settings. When necessary, practice with your child before he or she completes a particular task to make sure he or she is comfortable with the situation.

1. Look through a magazine or a book and describe the pictures. Make one statement or comment about each person or object in the picture.
2. Read a few pages from a book that is easy for your child can read independently so he or she can concentrate on speaking fluently rather than reading the words.
3. Retell the story in his or her own words using smooth stretchy speech.
4. Talk about a cartoon or movie your child knows well. Tell your child to retell his or her favorite part.
5. Talk about things he or she sees outside while riding in the car. Pick an item and tell one thing about it.
6. Make up sentences using spelling and/or vocabulary words from class.
7. Help make something for a meal and have him or her tell about what they are doing to make it.
8. Play a game with your child and use his or her strategies for smooth speech while playing the game.
9. Write down questions to ask each other in a game setting or for an activity. Your student needs to use his or her smooth speech when reading the question and answering it.
10. Set the table for a meal and talk about what they are doing as they are doing it.
11. Practice saying a few things using his or her strategies for smooth speech and have him or her call a relative on the phone to practice.
12. Order his or her own food at a restaurant. Practice saying it with him or her before ordering.
13. Practice their strategies with a family friend or relative when they come over or when you visit someone.
14. With your help, have your child ask a store employee where something is in the store.

15. When checking out at the grocery store, have your child say something to the cashier such as a greeting or one comment.
16. If your child is involved in sports, encourage your child to ask his or her coach something about the game or practice.
17. Before your child gets something from you, have him or her ask for it using his or her smooth speech.
18. Ask your child to tell 5 things he did at school.
19. Open the fridge and/or cupboard and have him or her describe what is there.
20. When at the grocery store and putting items in your cart, have him or her tell about each one. He or she could make a sentence about each item using his or her strategies.