

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LANGUAGE****COMPREHENSION****GOAL 54: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE COMPREHENSION AND MEANING IN LANGUAGE.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
36 to 60 Months	Demonstrates increased comprehension of language structure and content and vocabulary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responds to simple questions. ▪ Use location phrases correctly. ▪ Responds to “wh” questions (what, when). ▪ Recall information and sequences from stories and poems. ▪ Recognizes and responds appropriately to nonverbal cues. ▪ Follows directions that involve a two- or three-step sequence of actions, which may not be related (i.e. “Please pick up your toys and then get your shoes.”). ▪ Extends/expands the thought or idea expressed by another. ▪ Engages in conversation that develops a thought or idea (tells about a past or future event). ▪ Understands quantitative concepts (How many more chairs do we need?). ▪ Recognizes and responds in a culturally appropriate way to more subtle nonverbal cues. ▪ Comprehends analogies. ▪ Understands complex sentences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talk, sign, sing, and read to child. ▪ Read colorful books to child. ▪ Play advanced word games (I Spy). ▪ Use the environment to encourage discussion of familiar objects, places, and people. ▪ Use adult-like language when conversing. ▪ Help the child explain experiences through the use of descriptive language. ▪ Discuss concepts from stories read. ▪ Establish routines in the child’s world. ▪ Compare and contrast objects and actions for the child. ▪ Play games that involve two- and three-step directions, (e.g. “Crawl through the tunnel, run to the fences, and sit down.”).