

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY

SUB-DOMAIN: LANGUAGE

VOCABULARY

GOAL 52: CHILDREN USE EXPRESSIVE VOCABULARY.

| Age Range | Developmental Growth | Child Indicators | Caregiver Strategies |
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| <p>60 Months through Kindergarten</p> | <p>Expands vocabulary and uses new combinations to express ideas and concepts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expresses most feelings and emotions using words. ▪ Names some non-present objects using appropriate words. Uses words correctly to indicate understanding. ▪ Defines words, with assistance (e.g. "Firefighters put out fires."). ▪ Constructs viable arguments and the reasoning of others. ▪ Using number words and concepts, solves simple addition and subtraction word problems. ▪ Describe measurable attributes of objects. ▪ Directly compares two objects with a measurable attribute. ▪ Classifies objects. ▪ Describes objects and actions using adjectives and adverbs. ▪ Correctly names shapes regardless of their orientation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Play word games with child to encourage the use of new words. ▪ Engage child in making up rhymes. ▪ Ask questions that encourage child to use abstract vocabulary to express complex ideas (e.g. "What would this look like if...?"). ▪ Demonstrate, explain, and provide opportunities for child to understand how a word with the same sound can mean two different things (here and hear). ▪ Describe and explain the benefits of learning two or more languages and cultures, and compare words and concepts between the languages and cultures with child. ▪ Model rich vocabulary in context (when pointing to object instead of saying, "thing," name the object). ▪ Repeat comments that the child and peers make. ▪ Expand and embellish a child's utterances, adding vocabulary (e.g. "Jordie says he likes going to ball games with his dad. Sometimes people go to the stadium and sit in the bleachers to watch the game."). ▪ Using familiar tunes, engage children to make up new words (e.g. to the tune of Wheels on the Bus... "The soup in the pot is vegetable, vegetable, vegetable. The stock in the pot is beefy broth. The vegies in the pot are tomatoes and corn, onions, and peas and beans."). |