

**YOUR CHILD LOVES
TO HAVE FUN
AND PLAY GAMES
WITH YOU**

If you have any concerns contact
a Speech and Language Therapist.



**Facilitating
Language
Development**

3 - 4 years

The 3 - 4 year old child is now conversing easily with you and is able to talk about a topic without adult assistance for several utterances.

During this period the child will learn to ask permission, tease, talk about others.

He/she likes making friends and playing in a group.

He/she responds to questions like: "Where is your coat?" and can be understood by unfamiliar people.

Developing Your Child's Language Involves the Following

- Make a special opportunity daily to engage in conversation with your child, have a talk time.
- Give your child opportunity to play with children of his/her own age.
- Play games appropriate for your child.
- Allow your child to carry out appropriate tasks, to develop independence.
- Read with your child often and allow the child to help you tell the story
- Say nursery rhymes and songs.

By the time your child is 4 years old he/she is able to independently communicate to family and friends. S/he likes to be treated like an adult and for information to be shared with him/her. Helping with appropriate activities, reading often, saying nursery rhymes and playing age appropriate games will ensure that your child will understand language.

S/he will understand everyday conversations and stories. S/he is beginning to understand questions such as "Why is the baby crying?"

The child speaks more like an adult. S/he uses longer sentences, for example "I'm feeding the doll because she is crying". S/he starts telling short stories and likes to learn new words. The child can produce most sounds and is easy to understand even by unfamiliar people.