

## SpeechLink Parent Portal

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents/activities>

The website offers games, activities and tips for boosting language skills at home.



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There are interactive games designed to support speech development.

### INTERACTIVE GAMES



These games are to help develop your child's ability to tell the difference between sounds and work out where sounds are in words. Both these skills are important for speaking as well as reading.

There are five different levels:

- Pirate Island** *Helps listen for single sounds*
- Circus** *Helps identify sounds in simple words*
- Haunted House** *Helps discriminate between socially unfamiliar words*
- Racing** *Helps identify sounds at the beginning*
- Submarine** *Helps identify sounds at beginning and ends of words*

[Play Games](#)

There are also activities organised by age to support language development for core skills such as concepts, verbs, pronouns and questioning/reasoning skills.

### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

We have put together lots of games and activities for you to use with your child at home to encourage their understanding and talking. We have divided this section into colour bands to show you the stage of development that activity is encouraging. Use our developmental tables to see what the next steps are for your child and then use the language activities to encourage the development of those skills. For example, if your child's next language steps were in the green band on the development chart then choose from the green language activities.

Red - Up to 1½	▶
Orange - Up to 2	▶
Yellow - Up to 2½	▶
Green - Up to 3	▶
Light Blue - Up to 4	▶
Purple - Up to 5	▶
Pink - Up to 7	▶
Dark Blue - Up to 9	▶
Gold - Up to 11	▶

## An example of the 'up to 4' activities

### Light Blue - Up to 4



#### Hide and seek

This game is for understanding and using pronouns, 'he', 'she' and 'they'.



#### Like, don't like

This game is for learning negative 'don't' and answering 'why' questions.



#### Ready, steady, go

This game encourages understanding and use of simple past tense verbs



#### Traffic jam

This game develops understanding of concepts, 'behind' and 'in front of'.



#### Who, wants, what

This game is for understanding and using pronouns, 'he', 'she' and 'they'.



#### Why because

This game is for answering 'why' questions

## An example of the 'up to 11' activities

### Gold - Up to 11



#### Before and after

This game will help your child learn sequence words, 'before' and 'after'



#### Classroom Chaos

This game develops active listening skills enabling your child to ask for help appropriately



#### Conditional cubes

This game helps understanding of instructions with conditions e.g. unless, if, otherwise



#### Detectives

This game encourages use of language to problem solve.



#### Position the parents

This game develops understanding of complex positional language, e.g. third from the right, facing backwards etc.



#### Sports bag

This game develops understanding of instructions with conditions e.g. unless, if, otherwise



#### The case of the missing tablet

This game develops understanding of sequence words, 'before' and 'after'



#### What is in the box

This game encourages use of language to problem solve.