

COMMUNICATING FOR FUN: TODDLER

Parent and Child Activities to Promote Better Speech and Language and Hearing

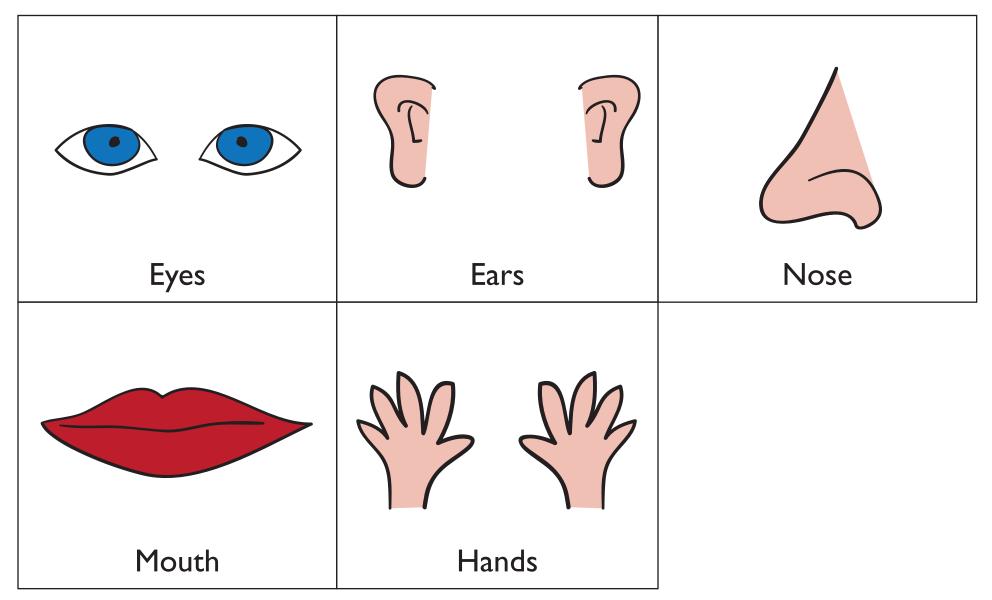
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Go through old magazines or flyers with your child. Help your child cut out pictures of food. Make a collage with the pictures. Label all the food you see and encourage your child to repeat the words after you.	Go to the grocery store and buy a piece of fruit or a vegetable that you would not normally buy. Take it home and taste it with your child. Say, "Is it yummy? Does it feel cold or warm? Where is your food going?"	With your child point to and name eyes, ears, nose, mouth and hands. Play "I Spy with My Little Eye" using their different body parts. Say, "I spy with my little eye your nose. Where's your nose, point to your nose."	Make a 'feely can' (An empty coffee tin works well.) Put a favourite toy in the can. Have your child feel the toy (without looking), describe it, and try to guess what it is. Let your child pick an item to put in the can and have you try and guess.	Take the spices out of your cupboard. Have your child smell each one. Ask them how it smells. Say, "Does it smell good or yucky?"	Get out some musical instruments (or pots and spoons). Play loudly and softly. Encourage your child to listen for the difference. SUNDAY Read "Hungry, Hungry Caterpillar" Talk with your child about all the different foods the caterpillar ate.

KEY WORDS

EYES, EARS, NOSE, MOUTH, HANDS

Repeat these words often during the week and give your child the opportunity to hear and say them.





For more information on how to use the Communication Calendars have a look at the tip sheet: Communicating for Fun