

# SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR HOME PRACTICE

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# Simple activities for home practice

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- Fill-in-the-blanks of familiar songs
- Photos of child holding favorite items
- Photos of child performing favorite activities
- Repetitive storybooks
- Create simple sequence story narratives
- Create a yucky book (*I don't like... or, I don't like to...*)

# More simple home activities for speech motor to expressive language

## Pots and pans with lids (pivot phrase scripts)

*on* (put on)      *off* (take off)      *in* (put in)      *out* (take out)

*big* (top or pot)   *little* (top or pot)

**Or**, use the word (lid)

*Pour* (in) *water*

*dump* (out) *water*

Food coloring: *put in blue*



# Simple activities at home

Colorful plastic eggs (pivot phrase scripts)

Place small familiar objects inside.

“Want color”

“Open \_\_\_\_\_.”

Name the object.

Name the function of the object.

“Put in” or “put away \_\_\_\_\_.”



# Simple activities at home

## Grocery shopping (pivot phrase scripts)

Before you go (making the list): *I want \_\_\_\_\_. We need \_\_\_\_\_.*

While in the store: *I pick \_\_\_\_\_. I buy \_\_\_\_\_. I want \_\_\_\_\_.  
Put in cart. **or** Put \_\_\_\_\_ in cart.  
Let me push.*

Back at home: *Take out \_\_\_\_\_. Put away \_\_\_\_\_.*

Also...where the item goes for prepositional phrases:  
*In the fridge, drawer, pantry.  
Need word approximations.*



# Simple activities at home

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## Toy box (pivot phrase scripts)

Open box or take out \_\_\_\_\_

Describe play: *I blow bubbles, I blow horn, I kick ball, etc.*

Or, have the child tell YOU what to do:  
*blow horn, kick ball hug baby.*

Put in \_\_\_\_\_ or put away \_\_\_\_\_.

Close box or shut box.



# Simple activities at home

## Baby dolls or familiar characters (pivot phrase scripts)

*Put on \_\_\_\_\_ or take off \_\_\_\_\_ (different clothes)*

*While feeding the baby: Eat /drink \_\_\_\_\_ or baby eat/drink \_\_\_\_\_*

*Characters: Minnie, Winnie, Ernie, Bunny (pivot syllable “ny”) or Anna, Elsa, Olaf, or current favorites.*

*Use familiar house or playground toys:*

*Slide: Elmo go up/down*

*Book: Elmo read book*

*Bed: Elmo go night night /wake up*

*Car: Elmo go car (or ride, drive)*





# Simple activities at home

## Bath time (pivot phrase scripts)

Use items that stick to the sides of tub (letters, numbers, characters) and straws to blow bubbles in the water (make sure they don't drink it!)

*Wash my \_\_\_\_\_ Put on \_\_\_\_\_ Take off \_\_\_\_\_ Go in water*  
*I (throw) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ on head, toes, nose, arm, elbow*

Give items that float or sink, such as a penny that will sink but a boat that will float:

\_\_\_\_\_ *on top*      \_\_\_\_\_ *on water*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *go down*      \_\_\_\_\_ *under water*



# Simple activities at home

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## Playground (pivot phrase scripts)

Slide: *I go up **or** climb (kime), I go down, Catch me*

See-saw: *Up/down, OR let me up / let me down*

Swing: *Push me, push me high,  
go up, go down, stop me*



# Simple activities at home

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## Cooking (pivot phrase scripts)

*I need \_\_\_\_\_*

*Put in \_\_\_\_\_*

*Stir, pour*

*Knead, cut*

*Put on \_\_\_\_\_ (toppings, colors, etc.)*



# Simple activities at home

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Bucket with objects or sea creatures  
(pivot phrase scripts)

*Throw in* \_\_\_\_\_

*Dump out* \_\_\_\_\_

*Put in* \_\_\_\_\_

*Take out* \_\_\_\_\_

*Splash!*



Use a tarp underneath and put a small amount of water in the bucket so items make a splash (if you dare!)

# Simple activities at home

## Wind-up toys (pivot phrase scripts)

Subject-verb-object

*Robot dance (slow)*

*Monkey clap (fast)*

*Bunny hop (high)*

*Puppy jump (up)*

*Car go (off) (table)*



Pull-back or push-down toys can each  
“go off the table”

# Simple activities at home

## Motor play (pivot phrase scripts)

*Up, down, on, off, go, stop, fast, slow*

Airplane rides, blanket rides, horsie rides

Wheelbarrow (hold child's feet while they walk with their hands)

Motor boat (holding a child's hands and running fast in a circle)

\* Help the child request the activity: *Boat! Motor Boat! Airplane ride!* (Best approximations may apply)



# Hiding objects for prepositional phrases

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Take a common object and hide it (*in, on, under, on top, behind, etc.*)

The child finds it and tells you where it was (*under the table, behind the chair, etc.*)

We can build vocabulary by hiding objects by categories, such as hiding a few different animals, foods, shapes, clothes, coins, etc.



# Nancy's favorites

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In addition to the K-SLP materials:

- Train sets with many large, easy pieces
- Wind ups, small and large
- Push-down or pull-back toys that shoot forward
- Large slide with a bucket ready to catch items
- Means-ends causality toys





# Nancy's favorites

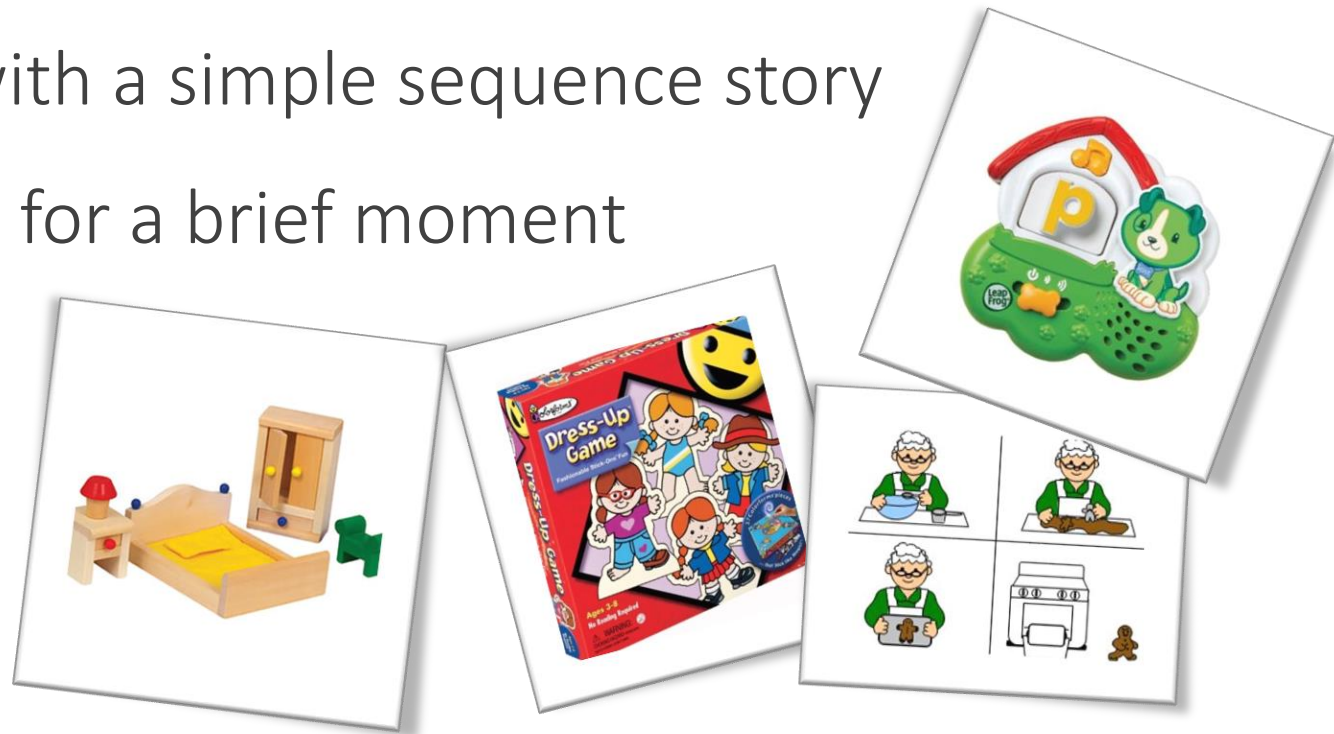
Bin or characters (stuffed animals preferred):

- Winnie, Barney, Minnie, Bugs Bunny, Ernie (*ny* pivot syllables)
- Sesame Street, Finding Nemo, Toy Story, Frozen, and Paw Patrol characters
- Family characters of different ethnic groups
- Animals, ocean characters



# Nancy's favorites

- Toy household furniture and playground equipment (slide, swing, chairs, tables, beds, potty, cars, etc.)
- Books without words, or with a simple sequence story
- Musical toys that only play for a brief moment
- Magnetics, Colorforms, or reusable stickers



# Nancy's favorites

- Stim toys (Koosh balls, wands that spin, squishy toys, play dough, light ups, fidgets)
- Blocks
- Simple board games
- DVD player with remote
- Puzzles that “talk”
- iPad
- Ball toys

