

Telephone Talk

Primary Objectives

10b. Uses social rules of language

Why It's Important

Role-playing different types of conversations helps prepare your child for future verbal interactions.

Materials

Two toy telephones

What You Do

1. Place the telephones in separate areas of the room, but close enough so that the two speakers can hear each other. Invite your child to have a telephone conversation with you.
2. Begin the conversation by saying hello and introducing yourself. Ask your child to say hello and state his name.
3. Ask simple questions that you know your child can answer easily. *How are you today?*
4. Encourage him to ask you a question. *What would you like to ask me about?*
5. Follow your child's cues to determine how long the conversation should be. End the conversation with a common closing. *It was nice to talk with you. Good-bye.*
6. Encourage your child to use the phones with someone else to practice conversations at a later time.