

SPEECH & LANGUAGE HOMEWORK: MR. POTATO HEAD

This activity focuses on the following speech and language skills: naming vocabulary, requesting, imitating 1-2 word phrases, basic concepts (on/off), and basic verbs.

Materials: Mr. Potato Head with body pieces, box

Directions:

1. Put Mr. Potato Head and pieces in a box. Bring out body and ask your child "Tato?". (If your child is able to use/say potato then you can ask the full word, simplifying the word may be needed at first). Encourage them to imitate "tato" or request by saying/signing "more" or "please".
2. Bring out pieces one at a time and ask your child if they want them by pointing to and naming them 2-3 times, saying "Want ___?".
3. Encourage your child to sign or say "more" or "please" for each piece. If your child has mastered 1-2 word phrases encourage them to imitate or say "I want ___! ___ please!".
4. Once your child can name or identify the pieces well you can begin by encouraging 2-word phrases. Such as "hat please" or "green hat".
5. When the Mr. Potato Head is complete point to and name each body part again. Ask your child to identify the part on their body too, say "Show me your nose!" or "Where is your ear?".
6. Model simple verbs by having Mr. Potato Head "walk, sleep, jump or dance".

