FAMILY LEARNING

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Language Strategies: Summer Fun

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1

Turn Everyday Moments Into Language Opportunities

Point out everyday sights and sounds around you. Pause & give your child time to notice and respond. Ask simple questions to guide their attention.

Example: At the park, point out a bird flying by. Pause and wait for your child to look or respond. Ask, "What do you see?" or "Where is the bird?"

2

Make Words Stick Through Practice

Pick one target word and use it frequently. Repeat the word in different places and activities. Practice target words through songs and games.

Example: Choose "water" on a hot summer day. Use it during routines: "Drink water," "Pour water," and "Water is cold." Sing a simple song or play a game that includes the word "water" to help your child remember it.

3

Expand What Your Child Shares

Listen and repeat what your child shares. Put one or two descriptive words on what they say. Show them how to build bigger sentence naturally.

Example: During a walk, your child points to a flower and signs "flower." Repeat: "Flower!" Add details: "Pretty flower!" Then expand: "The pretty flower is growing."

4

Wait, Watch, and Respond

Let your child ask for help instead of doing it first. Build from single words to short phrases. Playfully pause a routine to spark a quick reaction.

Example: During snack time, give your child a closed container and wait. If your child signs "help," respond by expanding: "Help open" or "Help please."

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