

WAYS TO PROMOTE USE OF ARTICULATION SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER

There are many ways to practice speech skills at home, but drill and paper-pencil tasks aren't always motivating to our students. Take a look at some ways to incorporate speech practice into your summer fun at home.

Board Games

Play your favorite board games and have your child say a word or sentence with one of their sounds in it before each turn.

Create a Video

Many students love watching videos on YouTube. Have your child record themselves making their own video (maybe a "How To" video, a toy review, or interview a family member) while trying to use their best speech sounds. Watch the video together and have them rate how well they did on their articulation.

Cook Together

Have your child help you cook a meal or treat while using their good speech sounds to read the recipe.

Get Active!

Turn classic outdoor activities into articulation games. Use chalk to put target words into hopscotch squares or say a target word in a sentence before catching a ball or shooting a basket.

Road Trip Games

On the road? Take turns adding words to a list and see how many words your family can memorize in order before one is forgotten, or choose a category and take turns adding to that category while practicing speech sounds.

Swim & Speech

Write target words on a beach ball and say the word that your hand lands on. For your more experienced swimmers, write target words on diving sticks and say a sentence with each word they find.

Apps & Technology

Heads Up

(Free with optional paid upgrades)
This app is a great way for students to practice their articulation while having others guess what they are describing. A fast-paced game like this can make remembering to use good speech sounds difficult, so it is best to practice this way with students working at the conversation or carryover level.

One Minute Articulation

(\$1.99/month to access all sounds)
This app has a variety of visuals to allow students to practice their sounds at the word and sentence levels during quick drills. Parents should listen to identify if the sound is correct or not, and provide the child with feedback.

Siri/Alexa/Google Home

Have your child speak to any of these "Smart" devices and see if they are able to be understood. You can ask fun questions or even use "speech to text" functions to see what the device thinks is being said.

Multiple Choice Articulation

(\$2.99)
This app targets only (S/Z/R/L/SH/CH/TH). Your child can practice sounds as you read silly questions and discuss your answers. Consider recording your discussion so the child can listen back and identify errors in his or her speech.

There are large word lists for every sound available for free at www.home-speech-home.com!