

## Fun activities that help develop language learning in children

Below are some examples of games and playtime activities that integrate language learning with fun:

1. **Jokes.** Telling age-appropriate puns will also help foster good humour and creativity in children. This also encourages wordplay and imagination. You can read through kid-friendly joke books and take turns telling witty stories. Avoid being too critical of their gags, speech, or articulation. Instead, model proper pronunciation or grammar by repeating the statement back to them in the correct way e.g. when your child says "I goed so fast!" instead of saying, "That's not how you say it", you can opt to say, "Yes, you went so fast!"
2. **Riddles.** Riddles are fun ways to use words and paint pictures of scenes or situations. Read or say riddles aloud to each other and explain to your children the different definitions of a single word e.g. school as in a place of learning or school as in a group of fish to help them understand the riddle better.
3. **Rhymes.** The repetitive chanting, reading, writing, or hearing of rhymes promotes good listening skills and memory retention, aside from developing speech. You can also narrate what you do at home with rhyming words or let your children tell you about their favourite toys using rhyming words.
4. **Homonyms.** Promote listening and comprehension skills by playing with words that sound the same but have different meanings. Allow your children to think of words that sound alike and let them try to define each one. This is also a good gauge of how much your children's vocabulary has expanded and if their understanding of the words is correct.
5. **Storytelling.** While storybooks provide ample entertainment, sharing stories – whether real or make-believe – can provide a good bonding time with your children while helping develop their communication skills. Exchange stories about daily events. Broaden their imagination with fantastical stories and let their creativity grow as you make up stories about anything and everything around them.
6. **Songs.** Aside from harnessing their musical abilities, songs also help children learn new words. Lyrics have a sense of rhyme and rhythm so it will be easy and entertaining for them to sing along. In addition, simply putting a tune to an activity can be a fun game that you can play with your children.
7. **Tongue twisters.** Tongue twisters are an excellent and fun way to teach children correct pronunciation and enunciation of words. It is a fun way to train their tongue to pronounce words. Start with simple ones and work your way up.  
Words can be a lot of fun if we know how to maximise their use. Together, they can be made up into stories, songs, and a whole lot of other things that will help your children be more eloquent. Continue to encourage your children to speak well by constructing a healthy and fun learning environment where they can unleash their creativity and broaden their linguistic skills. Guide them on how to express their thoughts, feelings and actions better through the use of words as this will prepare them to face the world with confidence as they grow.

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<b>1. What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?</b> A dino-snore!	<b>15. What do you call a droid that takes the long way around?</b> R2 detour.
<b>2. What is fast, loud and crunchy?</b> A rocket chip!	<b>16. How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?</b> You rocket!
<b>3. Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?</b> Because she was stuffed.	<b>17. Why was 6 afraid of 7?</b> Because 7, 8, 9
<b>4. What has ears but cannot hear?</b> A cornfield.	<b>18. What is a witch's favourite subject in school?</b> Spelling!
<b>5. What did the left eye say to the right eye?</b> Between us, something smells!	<b>19. When does a joke become a "dad" joke?</b> When the punchline is a parent.
<b>6. What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?</b> Frost bite!	<b>20. How do you make a lemon drop?</b> Just let it fall.
<b>7. What did one plate say to the other plate?</b> Dinner is on me!	<b>21. What did the limestone say to the geologist?</b> Don't take me for granite!
<b>8. Why did the student eat his homework?</b> Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!	<b>22. What do you call a duck that gets all A's?</b> A wise quacker.
<b>9. When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?</b> Because when you find it, you stop looking.	<b>23. Why does a seagull fly over the sea?</b> Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a baygull.
<b>10. What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?</b> A coconut on vacation.	<b>24. What kind of water cannot freeze?</b> Hot water.
<b>11. Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?</b> Dill with it.	<b>25. What kind of tree fits in your hand?</b> A palm tree!
<b>12. What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?</b> That hit the spot!	<b>26. Why did the cookie go to the hospital?</b> Because he felt crummy.
<b>13. Why did the kid cross the playground?</b> To get to the other slide.	<b>27. Why was the baby strawberry crying?</b> Because her parents were in a jam.
<b>14. How does a vampire start a letter?</b> Tomb it may concern...	<b>28. What did the little corn say to the mama corn?</b> Where is pop corn?

<b>29. What is worse than raining cats and dogs?</b> Hailing taxis!	<b>44. How are false teeth like stars?</b> They come out at night!
<b>30. How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?</b> About a buck an ear.	<b>45. How can you tell a vampire has a cold?</b> She starts coffin.
<b>31. Where would you find an elephant?</b> The same place you lost her!	<b>46. What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?</b> Finding half a worm.
<b>32. How do you talk to a giant?</b> Use big words!	<b>47. What is a computer's favourite snack?</b> Computer chips!!
<b>33. What animal is always at a baseball game?</b> A bat.	<b>48. Why don't elephants chew gum?</b> They do, just not in public.
<b>34. What falls in winter but never gets hurt?</b> Snow!	<b>49. What was the first animal in space?</b> The cow that jumped over the moon
<b>35. What do you call a ghost's true love?</b> His ghoul-friend.	<b>50. What did the banana say to the dog?</b> Nothing. Bananas can't talk.
<b>36. What building has the most stories?</b> The public library!	<b>51. What time is it when the clock strikes 13?</b> Time to get a new clock.
<b>37. What did one volcano say to the other?</b> I lava you!	<b>52. How does a cucumber become a pickle?</b> It goes through a jarring experience.
<b>38. How do we know that the ocean is friendly?</b> It waves!	<b>53. What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?</b> A stick.
<b>39. What is a tornado's favourite game to play?</b> Twister!	<b>54. What do you think of that new diner on the moon?</b> Food was good, but there really wasn't much atmosphere.
<b>40. How does the moon cut his hair?</b> Eclipse it.	<b>55. Why did the dinosaur cross the road?</b> Because the chicken wasn't born yet.
<b>41. How do you get a squirrel to like you?</b> Act like a nut!	<b>56. Why can't Elsa have a balloon?</b> Because she will let it go.
<b>42. What do you call two birds in love?</b> Tweethearts!	<b>57. How do you make an octopus laugh?</b> With ten-tickles!
<b>43. How does a scientist freshen her breath?</b> With experi-mints!	<b>58. How do you make a tissue dance?</b> You put a little boogie in it.

<p><b>59. What's green and can fly?</b> Super Pickle!</p> <p><b>60. Knock knock.</b> Who's there? <b>Interrupting pirate.</b> Interrupting pir—yarrrrrr!</p> <p><b>61. What did the nose say to the finger?</b> Quit picking on me!</p> <p><b>62. What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?</b> A tuba toothpaste.</p> <p><b>63. Why did the kid bring a ladder to school?</b> Because she wanted to go to high school.</p> <p><b>64. What is a vampire's favourite fruit?</b> A blood orange.</p> <p><b>65. What do elves learn in school?</b> The elf-abet.</p> <p><b>66. What do you call a dog magician?</b> A labracadabrador.</p> <p><b>67. Where do pencils go on vacation?</b> Pencil-vania.</p> <p><b>68. Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby?</b> She was a little horse.</p> <p><b>69. Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?</b> He had no body to dance with.</p> <p><b>70. What gets wetter the more it dries?</b> A towel.</p> <p><b>71. What do you call two bananas?</b> Slippers. <i>And speaking of bananas...</i></p> <p><b>72. Why did the banana go to the doctor?</b> Because it wasn't peeling well.</p> <p><b>73. What do you call a fake noodle?</b> An impasta.</p>	<p><b>74. What stays in the corner yet can travel all over the world?</b> A stamp.</p> <p><b>75. How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?</b> With a pumpkin patch.</p> <p><b>76. What kind of award did the dentist receive?</b> A little plaque.</p> <p><b>77. What do you call a funny mountain?</b> Hill-arious.</p> <p><b>78. Why are ghosts bad liars?</b> Because you can see right through them.</p> <p><b>79. Why do bees have sticky hair?</b> Because they use a honeycomb.</p> <p><b>80. What did the big flower say to the little flower?</b> Hi, bud!</p> <p><b>91. What part of your body can cause the end of the world?</b> Your apoco-lips!</p> <p><b>92. What did the astronaut say when he crashed into the moon?</b> "I Apollo-gize."</p> <p><b>93. Why didn't the orange win the race?</b> It ran out of juice.</p> <p><b>94. What dinosaur had the best vocabulary?</b> The thesaurus.</p> <p><b>95. What did one DNA strand say to the other DNA strand?</b> Do these genes make my butt look big?</p> <p><b>96. Why aren't dogs good dancers?</b> They have two left feet.</p> <p><b>97. What did the wolf say when it stubbed its toe?</b> Owwwww-ch!</p>
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<p><b>98. Kid: What are you doing under there?</b>  <b>Mom:</b> Under where?  <b>Kid:</b> Ha ha! You said underwear!!</p>	<p><b>113. What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?</b>      Anyone can roast beef.</p>
<p><b>99. Why did Johnny throw the clock out of the window?</b>      Because he wanted to see time fly.</p>	<p><b>114. What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot?</b>      A walkie talkie.</p>
<p><b>100. What did one toilet say to the other?</b>      You look flushed.</p>	<p><b>115. Why are robots never afraid?</b>      They have nerves of steel.</p>
<p><b>101. Why did the man put his money in the freezer?</b>      He wanted cold hard cash!</p>	<p><b>116. Why did the cabbage win the race?</b>      Because it was a-head.</p>
<p><b>102. Why couldn't the astronaut book a hotel on the moon?</b>      Because it was full.</p>	<p><b>117. What does an evil hen lay?</b>      Deviled eggs.</p>
<p><b>103. How do pickles enjoy a day out?</b>      They relish it.</p>	<p><b>118. What does a book do in the winter?</b>      Puts on a jacket.</p>
<p><b>104. What do you call an old snowman?</b>      Water.</p>	<p><b>119. Knock knock!</b>      Who's there?  <i>Dishes.</i>      Dishes who?  <i>Dishes me, who are you?</i></p>
<p><b>105. What's a pirate's favourite letter?</b>      Arrrrrrrrrr</p>	<p><b>120. What sound do you hear when a cow breaks the sound barrier?</b>      Cowboom!</p>
<p><b>106. What do you get when you cross an elephant with a fish?</b>      Swimming trunks.</p>	<p><b>121. What kind of haircuts do bees get?</b>      Buzzzzzcuts.</p>
<p><b>107. How do you throw a party in space?</b>      You planet.</p>	<p><b>122. Knock knock!</b>      Who's there?  <i>Donut.</i>      Donut who?  <i>Donut ask me, I just got here.</i></p>
<p><b>108. What did zero say to eight?</b>      Nice belt!</p> <p><b>109. What happened when the skunk was on trial?</b>      The judge declared, "Odor in the court, odor in the court!"</p>	<p><b>123. What do you get if you cross a pie and a snake?</b>      A pie-thon.</p>
<p><b>110. What do you call a sleeping bull?</b>      A bulldozer!</p>	<p><b>124. What do you do if you get peanut butter on your doorknob?</b>      Use a door jam.</p>
<p><b>111. Why did the tomato blush?</b>      It saw the salad dressing.</p>	<p><b>125. Why was 6 so mad at 7?</b>      Because 7 8(ate) 9.</p>
<p><b>112. What do you call a fish without an eye?</b>      A fsh.</p>	<p><b>126. Why didn't the robot finish his breakfast?</b>      The orange juice told him to concentrate.</p>

<b>128. Why can't you play hockey with pigs?</b> They always hog the puck.	<b>144. What time do ducks wake up?</b> At the quack of dawn.
<b>129. Why do porcupines always win the game?</b> They have the most points.	<b>145. Why did the giraffes get bad grades?</b> She had her head in the clouds.
<b>130. Where do elephants pack their clothes?</b> In their trunks!	<b>146. What did the flower say after it told a joke?</b> I was just pollen your leg.
<b>131. What does bread do on vacation?</b> Loaf around.	<b>147. What did the traffic light say to the truck?</b> Don't look, I'm changing.
<b>132. Why was the broom running late?</b> It over-swept.	<b>148. What does a cloud wear?</b> Thunderwear!
<b>133. What part of the fish weighs the most?</b> The scales.	<b>149. Why didn't the koala bear get the job?</b> They said she was over-koala-fied.
<b>134. What do ghosts like to eat in the summer?</b> I Scream.	<b>150. Who was that owl who did all the tricks?</b> Who-dini.
<b>135. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?</b> Because her students were so bright.	<b>151. What kind of vegetable is angry?</b> A steamed carrot!
<b>136. What do you call a deer with pink eye?</b> A colourful eye-deer.	<b>152. How does the moon stay up in the sky?</b> Moonbeams!
<b>137. Where do sheep go on vacation?</b> The Baaa-hamas.	<b>153. Why isn't there a clock in the library?</b> Because it tocks too much.
<b>138. What does every birthday end with?</b> The letter Y.	<b>154. Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees?</b> Because they're so good at it!
<b>139. What did the paper say to the pencil?</b> Write on!	<b>155. What day of the week are most twins born on?</b> Twos-day!
<b>140. Why do birds fly?</b> It's faster than walking.	<b>156. Would February March?</b> No, but April May.
<b>141. Why did Superman flush the toilet?</b> Because it was his doody.	<b>157. What do you call bears with no ears?</b> B.
<b>142. Why did the pillow cross the road?</b> It was picking up the chicken's feathers.	<b>158. What kind of tree fits in your hand?</b> A palm tree!
<b>143. Can February March?</b> No, but April May.	<b>159. Where do rocks like to sleep?</b> Bedrock.

<p><b>160. How do you pay for parking in space?</b> A parking meteor.</p> <p><b>161. What do you call two giraffes colliding?</b> A giraffe-ic jam.</p> <p><b>162. What animal is always at a baseball game?</b>  A bat.</p> <p><b>163. What did the reporter say to the ice cream?</b> "What's the scoop?"</p> <p><b>164. How do you get fired from a coin-mint?</b> You stop making cents.</p> <p><b>165. What room is impossible to enter?</b> A mushroom.</p> <p><b>166. What did one horse say to the other horse?</b> <i>Neigh!</i> What did the kid say to the horse? <i>Hey!</i> What did the mane say to the horse? <i>Nothing, you silly, a mane can't talk.</i></p> <p><b>167.</b> Knock, knock! Who's there? <b>Ireland.</b> Ireland who? Ireland you my umbrella, you're gonna' need it.</p> <p><b>168. What do you call a fly with no wings?</b> A walk.</p> <p><b>169. What's yellow and looks like pineapple?</b> A lemon with a new haircut.</p> <p><b>170. What do you call a deer with no eyes?</b> "No eye-deer."</p> <p><b>171. What did the lunchbox say to the banana?</b> You really have appeal.</p>	<p><b>172. What did the mouse say to the keyboard?</b> You're my type!</p> <p><b>173. What did the science book say to the math book?</b> Wow, you've got problems.</p> <p><b>174. How do squids get to school?</b> They take an octobus.</p> <p><b>175. Where do mermaids look for jobs?</b> The kelp-wanted section.</p> <p><b>176. What word starts with the letter t, ends with the letter t, and has t in it?</b> A teapot!</p> <p><b>177. What has four wheels and flies?</b> A garbage truck!</p> <p><b>178. Two goats were munching on a movie script.</b> Goat 1: This is good! Goat 2: The book was better.</p> <p><b>179. What do you call a monkey at the North Pole?</b> Lost.</p> <p><b>180. Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?</b> To make up for his miserable summer.</p> <p><b>181. Why did the woman become an archeologist?</b> Because her career was in ruins.</p> <p><b>182. Knock knock!</b> Who's there? <b>Manatee.</b> Manatee who? <b>Manatee would be better than a sweater today, it's hot!</b></p> <p><b>183. What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account?</b> Primemates!</p> <p><b>184. What snack should you make for the Snowman Holiday Party?</b> Ice Krispy Treats</p>
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<b>185. Why do birds fly south?</b> It's too far to walk.	<b>200. What do you call a rabbit with lice?</b> Bugs Bunny.
<b>186. What did the traffic light say to the cars?</b> Don't look, I'm changing	<b>201. It took 10 workers 10 days to build a bridge. How long would it take 5 workers to build the same bridge?</b> None—it's already built!
<b>187. Why is there a gate around cemeteries?</b> Because people are dying to get in!	<b>202. How do you make the word Tiger longer?</b> Ti-grrrh
<b>188. What is a scarecrow's favourite fruit?</b> A strawberry.	<b>203. How do you clean chicken? -</b> Put it in dishwasher.
<b>199. How does a hurricane see?</b> With one eye.	<b>204. What is brown and sticky?</b> A stick.
<b>190. How do they answer the phone at the paint store?</b> Yellow!	<b>205. Where does a rat go when it has a toothache?</b> To the rodentist.
<b>191. Why do scissors always win a race?</b> Because they take a shortcut!	<b>206. What does an alien do when it is bored in school?</b> Spaces out.
<b>192. How do you stop a bull from charging?</b> You unplug it!	<b>207. What does a broken plate say when she gets her cupcake?</b> Is this GLUE-ten free?
<b>193. What did the dad say to his daughter at the cook out?</b> This grill is on fire!	
<b>194. Why did the king go to the bathroom?</b> He wanted to sit on the throne.	
<b>195. What is a pirate's favourite body part?</b> The booty!	
<b>196. If it takes two men to dig a hole in one day how long would it take for one man to dig a half a hole?</b> There is no such thing as a half a hole.	
<b>197. How do cats bake cake?</b> From scratch.	
<b>198.What is a zombie's favourite thing to eat?</b> Brain food.	
<b>199. How do you fix a broken tomato?</b> With a can of tomato paste.	