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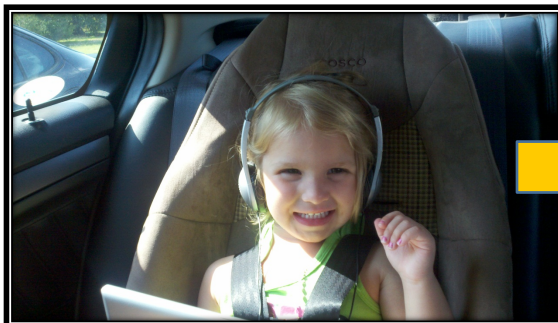
- ✓ Something to write with (anything will do!)
...
- ✓ Something to write ON (preferably on material that you can read☺)...
- ✓ Your own ideas to share with others

What is receptive language?

- Also known as...

Language Comprehension

Auditory Comprehension



Let's chat!

How well we understand the language we hear

The relationship between
comprehension and cognition

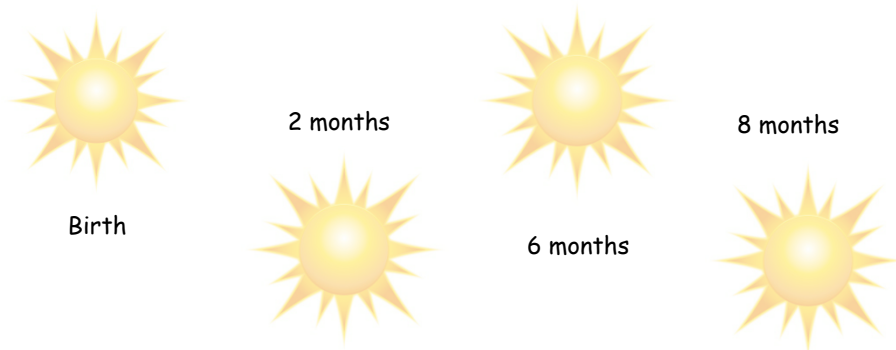


Share your best
idea in CHAT

The Milestones!

At what age would you expect a child to:

Discriminate between angry and friendly voices?



Receptive Language Skills of the Newborn

- Shows awareness of a speaker:
 - Quiets to a familiar voice
 - Moves in response to a voice
 - Attends to other voices
 - Attends to the speaker's mouth
- Discriminates between angry and friendly voices



At what age would you expect a child to:

Recognize family members' names?



Receptive Language Skills of the Infant

- Shows awareness of a speaker:
 - Recognizes, stops, and looks at person when own name is called
 - Looks at familiar people when named
 - Maintains attention to the speaker
- Responds to "no" (not always consistently!)
- Attends to pictures and objects mentioned in conversation
- Gestures in response to verbal requests
- Follows simple commands occasionally
- Responds to "come up" or "want up"
- Verbalizes or vocalizes in response to verbal requests



At what age would you expect a child to:

Understand 50 words?



6 months



12 months



18 months



24 months

How about these milestones:

Follow a 3-step unrelated command and
respond to *What* and *Who* questions?

15-18
months



21-24
months



27-30
months



33-36
months



Receptive Language Skills of the Young Toddler

- Understands approximately 50-150 words
- Identifies body parts and clothing on self or a doll
- Finds familiar objects not in sight
- Identifies objects by category
- Understands the meaning of action words
- Identifies pictures when named
- Follow two-step related commands
- Picks up on new words rapidly



Share some words!

Receptive Language Skills of the Older Toddler

- Answers Yes/No questions
- Answers What/Who/Where questions correctly
- Follows three-step commands
- Understands the concepts of *one* and *all*
- Understands the concepts of size and location
- Identifies parts of an object and action words

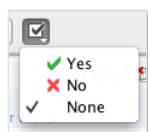
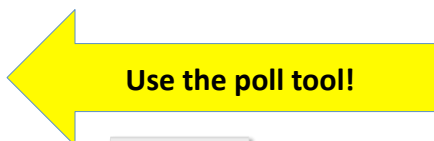


What is a receptive language disorder?

- Difficulty understanding language that results in differences in how and what a child understands when compared to other children his/her age
- Early signs and symptoms of a receptive language problem:
 - Ignoring spoken language
 - Difficulty following verbal directions
 - Repeating a question rather than answering it
 - Answering a question incorrectly

True or False?

Most young children who have a receptive language disorder have typically developing expressive language.



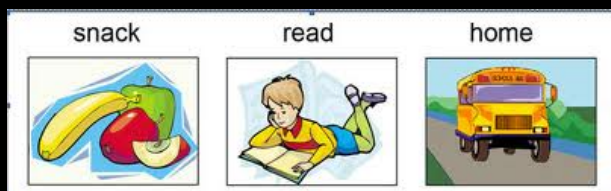
Yes = True
No = False





My top TWELVE tips for addressing
receptive language
in the natural environment

1. Keep it simple.



2. Follow the child's lead.



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3. Use words that the child uses.

4. Provide lots of visual cues!



5. Repeat again...and again... and again.



6. "Chunk" your directions.



7. Use different words when the child does not seem to understand.



8. Provide lots of opportunities for the child to show that he/she understands.



9. Follow the child's lead...

...and tell him/her to do things that he/she's already doing!

Share what you would say!



10. Provide hand-over-hand guidance...



11. Pause frequently...give the child time to think.



Remember the
5 second rule!

12. Be consistent with realistic expectations.



A few notes about echolalia...

- What is it?
- Why is it important in language development?
- Two types:
 - Immediate
 - Delayed



Echolalia...when should we be concerned?



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxJvoeqpjQw>

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Motor Planning Disorder

Current research regarding echolalia





What is the impact of
receptive language on...
all other areas of
development?

Share your thoughts!

My challenge to you:

How many ideas (strategies) can you come up with during your next visit with a family that address the receptive language skills of the child?



things you learned in today's webinar.



strategies you will put to use in your own practice.



idea that you want to learn more
t in the near future.

Questions and Answers

What questions do you have
for me?!



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