



Thinking Abilities and General Knowledge Activity for 24 to 30 Months

Learning the Meaning of Action Words

Materials:

- Pictures of action words

What to do:

1. Use everyday routines to teach the meaning of action words. Tell the child what you or other family members are doing during daily activities. "I'm *washing* my hands." "You're *dancing!*" "He is *eating.*" "Baby is *sleeping.*" "I'm *cooking* a hamburger."
2. Describe pictures with actions during story time and help the child find the picture of the action you named. "The boy is sleeping. He is so tired! Touch the picture of the boy sleeping." "See the dog running!" "Which boy is drinking?"
3. Imitate and name the actions seen in the picture and invite the child to try. "That boy is drinking. I'm drinking, too. Do you want to drink (as you pretend to drink from an imaginary cup)?"

