



Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 42 to 48 Months

Tell Me About It!

Drawing a picture and providing dictation is a fun way for children to practice putting their ideas into words!

Materials:

- Colorful construction paper for mounting
- Crayons or markers
- Lined paper for writing
- Paper for coloring

What to do:

1. Give the child an interesting topic to think about and then ask her to draw a picture. Topics to inspire creativity include:
 - Favorite animal
 - Favorite place to play
 - Favorite thing to eat
 - Family
2. Have the child bring the finished picture to you for dictation.
3. Ask the child to tell you about what she drew. Encourage her with questions about the drawing, if needed. Try to have her dictate at least three sentences describing the drawing.
4. Write the child's comments on the lined paper and then glue the drawing and the dictation onto a piece of construction paper.
5. Encourage the child to verbalize what you have written about her drawing. This helps the child see that the written words represent her spoken words.
6. Display the drawings and dictations in a gallery. Label the gallery with a sign that explains the topic, such as "Favorite Pets."

