**Communication, Language, and Literacy**

**Activity for 54 to 60 Months**

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**Word Play**

This activity encourages imagination and lots of giggling, which are two key components for any great activity! Plus, it helps children develop the association between spoken and written words.

**Materials:**

- Pictures cut from magazines, stickers, or stampers
- Index cards
- Markers
- Chart paper

**To make:**

- Create picture-word cards by gluing or drawing a picture (car, elephant, cake, heart, butterfly) on the card and writing the word with a marker underneath the picture.

**What to do:**

1. **Give the child a card and ask her to make up a story as she uses the word in a sentence.**

2. **Give the child a new card and continue the story in any way the child chooses, incorporating her card. Example: “Once upon a time a butterfly landed on my hand.”**

3. **Write the child’s sentences on the chart paper using a marker.**

4. **Repeat until the story is complete.**

5. **Read the story aloud as you point to the words on the chart paper. When you read a word that’s on a card, ask the child to hold up the card.**