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Facilitating Children’s Language & Pre-School Readiness Skills: Parents as “Academic & Persistence Coaches”



“Descriptive commenting” is a powerful way to strengthen children’s language skills. The following is a list of actions, behaviors and objects that can be commented upon when playing with your child. Use this checklist and decide what words you would use with your child depending on your goals for promoting your child’s school readiness skills.

Objects, Actions	Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ colors _____ number counting _____ shapes _____ names of objects _____ sizes (long, short, tall, smaller than, bigger than, etc.,) _____ positions (up, down, beside, next to, on top, behind, etc.) 	
Persistence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ working hard _____ concentrating, focusing _____ stay calm, patience _____ trying again _____ problem solving _____ thinking skills _____ reading 	
Behaviors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _____ following parent’s directions _____ listening _____ independence _____ exploring 	