

Carry Over Activities

Your child is now able to make the () in words, short phrases and sentences after practicing this in therapy sessions. It is difficult to remember to use these sounds when chatting, especially if your therapist or teacher is not there to give you prompts! The next step is to practice some talking activities so that your child learns to use the () sound in their spontaneous speech.

Some people may describe your child as 'lazy' when they do not use their () sound when they are talking, but it is hard work! Your child has worked very hard to use this new sound in words and phrases! You can have a go at this - try swapping your 't' sound for 's' in every word when you talk for the next hour...quite difficult isn't it!?

This worksheet will give you some ideas of how to encourage your child to start using the () sound when they are talking in conversation. You can do these activities wherever e.g. at home, in the car, at Nana's house. You can practice for 5-10 minutes daily. If you practice for much longer than this your child may feel as they are being corrected too much and become embarrassed or upset.

Game Ideas:

- Eye spy (using the () sound)
- Guess Who or any game where you need to ask or answer short questions.
- My Nana went shopping (choose food/shopping items that begin with the () sound).
- Describing pictures or reading/making up stories.
- Finding words beginning or ending with the () sound to make a scrapbook. You can do this by looking in magazines, flyers, newspapers etc. Ask your child to tell you something about the word or find pictures to go with it.
- Listing words beginning/ending with the () sound (e.g. 's') when you are at playtime (seesaw, seat, grass) / in the car (steering wheel, seat).
- Have a chat! Give them a prompt before you ask that you are listening for nice clear () sound. Your child will have to think about what they are thinking and saying for this activity.
- Begin a reward chart for your child. If they use the () sound OUTSIDE speech practise time give them a sticker. If your child gets a certain amount of stickers then they get a prize (a sweet, extra TV time).