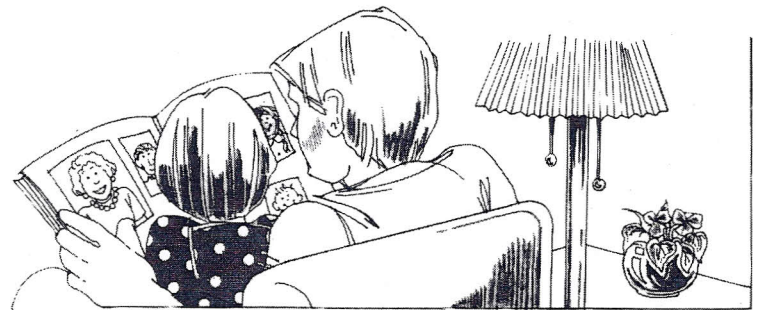


PHOTO STORIES

Family photos provide rich details for this oral-language activity.

- 1) Collect a number of family photographs, including pictures of yourself when you were young.
- 2) Invite your child to sit with you.
- 3) As you look through the photos, help your child name each of the people pictured.
- 4) Ask your child to tell what is happening in each photograph.

ANOTHER IDEA: Glue photos of your family members on separate index cards. Print names under the photos and staple the cards together to make a book for your child to "read."



OBJECT SOUNDS

This game helps develop listening skills using familiar objects.

- 1) Set out three or four familiar objects that make different sounds when tapped, such as a book, a framed photo, a cup, and a spoon.
- 2) Give your child time to examine the objects.
- 3) Ask your child to close his or her eyes while you tap one of the objects with a pencil.
- 4) Have your child try to guess, by its sound, which object you are tapping.
- 5) Let your child open his or her eyes to see if the guess was close.
- 6) Follow the same procedure with the other objects. Or, let your child have a turn being the tapper.

AGE VARIATION: For older children, make the game more challenging by tapping objects at random around the room.