The Communication Cookbook

The essential ingredients of successful speaking and listening for 4 – 6 year olds

Inclusion Development Programme:
Supporting Children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs

Essex County Council
The Communication Cookbook

How to help children build language skills and grow into confident skilful communicators during their critical first two years at primary school.

The Communication Cookbook is a resource book/DVD of activities to support children's language and communication.

www.communicationcookbook.org.uk
5 ingredients

- Attention and listening
- Vocabulary
- Building sentences
- Telling stories
- Conversations
‘Five a day’

5 portions in a balanced diet
# Attention and listening

- Recipe for good listening
- Remembering games
- Listening walk
- Making sounds

Ref page 10 of Communication Cookbook
Vocabulary

- Boo cat sorts things out
- Word magic
- Action time
- Word bingo

Ref page 18 of Communication Cookbook
Building sentences

- Add an adjective
- Guess what?
- Do as bossy Boo Cat says
- Barrier games

Ref page 26 of Communication Cookbook
## Telling stories

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Ref page 34 of Communication Cookbook
Conversations

- Spot the difference
- Finding out
- Three conversation games
- Let’s talk about it

Ref page 42 of Communication Cookbook
Resources and online games

http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/directory/communication-cookbook

Play Cards
Download and print out a brilliant set of picture cards, based on Ann Locke's 'living language' vocabulary lists.

- At School
- Bedtime
- Eat and drink
- Getting dressed
- Party
- People
- Playground
- Simple activity
- House and garden
- The shops
- Town
- Toys and games
- Weather

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