

## WHERE QUESTIONS @ HOME



### Asking and Answering 'Where...?' Questions

Asking and answering questions is an important part of your child's language development. When asked a question, a child must understand what the question is asking and have the words to respond. To ask a question, they must understand the type of question to use and how to formulate the words to ask.

You can support your child to ask and answer 'where' questions by reminding them what 'where' means. You can say,



### Such as:

- a building: home, grocery store, arena, hospital
- a room: kitchen, classroom, bedroom, bathroom
- a position: on top, behind, below, in front of

First, start by asking your child **concrete** questions, that are based in the *here and now*. For example, "Where are your eyes?".

When your child has success with those types of questions, you can move towards asking more **abstract** questions, that are outside your immediate surroundings. For example, "Where do cows live?".



Daily Practice Ideas

Day 1: During a meal, ask your child 'where' questions about the food and utensils: "Where is the ketchup?", "Where is your fork?"

Day 2: In the car or on a walk, give your child different items to search for by asking 'where' questions: "Where is a stop sign?", "Where is a dog?"

Day 3: Reading stories, take turns asking 'where' questions with your child: "Where is the sheep sleeping?", "Where did the boy go?"

Day 4: Hide a favorite toy of your child's, and give them clues where to find it by asking 'where' questions: after hiding the toy in the sink, ask "Where do you wash your hands?"

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Check out these links for more resources and activity ideas:

- Visit <u>Speech and Language Kids</u> to see the progression of teaching 'where' questions to your child
- Check out <u>this educational song</u> on YouTube created by Cocomelon Nursery Rhymes. Watch the song with your child and pause throughout to talk about 'where' the dog is.
- Use books to highlight 'where' questions. For example, read "Where's Spot" by Eric
  Hill with your child or see an online reading of "Where's Spot?", and talk about
  where Spot is. You can also use wordless books, such as "Where's Waldo?" by
  Martin Handford to practice 'where' questions.
- Teacher's Pay Teachers has great free resources to practice 'where' questions, such as this Frog Pond Question Game

#### BINGO!

You can make your own BINGO game by cutting pictures of places out of magazines or having your child draw places of their own. Then, create questions about those places with your child. This activity encourages your child to think about how to ask and answer 'where' questions. When your BINGO cards are ready, ask questions to your child(ren) and see who is first to cover all pictures in a line and say "BINGO!".

Tip: Use small items, such as pompoms or coins, to cover the pictures so that you can reuse them.



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