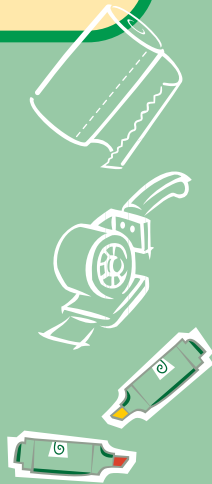




Babies and toddlers need many opportunities to hear language, make sounds, and have someone respond to those sounds. Playing "sound games" with old-fashioned megaphones can help in a child's development of language skills.

Supplies

- ★ Paper towel rolls
- ★ Construction paper
- ★ Clear packing tape
- ★ Masking tape
- ★ Markers
- ★ Colorful stickers



Megaphones

Skills Children Learn: Hand-eye coordination, Language development

Directions

- 1 Decorate a paper towel roll by wrapping colored construction paper around the roll and securing it with tape.
 - 2 Decorate the paper towel roll with markers and colorful stickers.
 - 3 Cover the outside with clear packing tape to make the megaphone more durable and to assure that the stickers will not come off.
- Model the use of the megaphone for the child by speaking or singing through one end of the megaphone.
 - Playing with the megaphone invites infants and toddlers to use their voices.
 - Once you put your mouth up to the megaphone and begin speaking, babies will become interested, and will want to hear the sounds of their own voices.

Tips For Mixed Ages: Infants who are not yet able to hold onto the megaphone will still delight in the sounds you make through it and will enjoy hearing you mimic their sounds.

Note: Be careful not to use very loud sounds with young children. The natural enhancement of your voice through the megaphone will be enough to engage the young child in voice play.



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