

Carryover activities are important because they help your child use speech sounds in natural conversations. Carryover activities are lessons even though they are less structured than other types of teaching. Listen carefully to your child's speech and correct any new speech sounds. Praise your child anytime he speaks well during carryover activities.

Here are some ideas for carryover activities that you can try with your child:

- Ask your child to read out loud from a story book, cartoon or magazine that he chooses.
- Let your child talk on the phone to a friend or relative.
- Play a game together or with a group of people.
- Role play an interview with someone your child admires.
- Trade roles with your child and let him correct you.
- With your child, choose a special time each day that he will use good speech, for example, at lunch or dinner time every day or every time he is in the car. Your child may want to tie a string around his finger or use other prompts to remind him to speak well.
- Ask your child to tell a story he knows in his own words.
- Have a conversation together.

Here are some topics for conversations you can have with your child:

- school
- sports
- holidays
- books
- movies
- TV
- favorite foods
- toys
- favorite animals
- relatives
- summer vacations
- teachers
- going to the doctor
- going to the dentist
- Christmas or other special days
- giving directions to make something special
- giving directions to go somewhere

For more information, contact your community speech-language pathologist.