

Does your child say things like, “Him did it” or “I goed there”? There are lots of ways you can help your child learn how to use correct grammar.



Here are some easy and effective activities you can try with your child:

1 Model Correctly

Repeat what your child says but say it correctly. Your child does not have to say the correct form after you. What is important is that your child *hears* the correct form.

Example:

Child: “John goed already.”

Adult: “John **went** already?” “Okay. Who **went** after John?”

2 Give Choices

Ask your child to choose which form sounds better.

Example:

Child: “Me did it.”

Adult: “Hmm. **Me** did it or **I** did it? Which sounds better?”

3 Emphasize

Choose one grammatical form that your child often says incorrectly. Emphasize the correct form by saying it many times during the day.

Example: To emphasize the correct use of the pronoun “she”:

- When reading a book about a girl, talk about what **she** looks like, what **she** does, etc.
- Practice writing the word “she” and reading it in books.

Note:

Grammar includes things like:

- verb tense (e.g., walked, walk, will walk)
- pronouns (e.g., he, she, me, I)
- prepositions (e.g., on, under, beside)

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