



Speech Language Pathology Collection

Welcome to the CNRL SLP Collection – an ever-growing resource of especially chosen books and activities to support early speech and language development.

Backyard Bugs 2 – 4 years

Before Reading

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During reading

Rhyme Awareness

Clearly read this book to your child to increase rhyme awareness, tap, clap or nod to emphasise the rhyming words (tree/me, sand/land, song/along, butterfly/sky)

As you read you will model the following **oral language grammar** and **concepts**:

2 - 3 years	3 – 4 years
Action words (verbs) “march”, flits, wriggles, trips, chirps, hangs, slip, slide, lands” The action verbs are supported by symbols; use gestures to make these words more concrete and easy to understand	Location words (prepositions) close, across, along, upon,
Location words (prepositions) up, in, on	
Pronouns I, me, my	

There are also wordless pages which allow for labelling, discussion, predictions and inferences - a great opportunity to follow your child’s lead in talking about the pictures.

Simply say, “Tell me about this picture” or ask “**What** are they doing” or “**Where** are they?” and “**How** do you know?” Wait and give your child plenty of time to respond and lead the conversation!

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After reading Action words are the building blocks of early language. Use the book for inspiration; go into your garden or visit your local park to find local bugs, birds, shrubs, trees and flowers. Label everything! Which action words can you model and comment about as you watch bugs and birds make sounds and move through the environment?

- Dragonfly **flits** over the pond
- Earthworm **wiggles** in the earth
- Beetle **trips** across the sand
- Galah **screeches** in a tree
- Bees **buzz, buzz, buzz!**

Lots of Nursery rhymes and songs contain action verbs can be emphasised with gestures and movements:

- Open/shut them (Open, shut, clap, lay, creep)
- Hickory Dickory Dock (ran)
- Row, row, row your boat (row)
- Hey Diddle Diddle (jumped, laughed, ran)
- If You're Happy and You Know It (Clap your hands, stomp your feet)
- Everybody Clap (Everybody Sing, bow to your partner, turn around, rock your bear)

You might also like to read:

- All the Ways to be Smart
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