



# 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.

## The Little Yellow Digger – 2-5 years

### Before Reading:

- Sit face-to-face with the book between you and your child.
- Point to the title of the book and read it aloud. How many birds can you count on the cover?
- Help your child hold the book correctly, open the pages and explore the images inside before reading the words. What images catch your child's attention?

### During Reading:

- Name the colours of the diggers as you count them.
- You can count diggers, and also their dogs and the birds on each page!
- Talk about what is happening in the pictures, as well as counting the objects.

Oral Language concepts and grammar modelled in this book:

2-3 years	4-5 years
<b>Present progressive -ing:</b> driving, clattering, working, digging, dripping, splashing, sloshing	<b>Prepositions:</b> by
<b>Prepositions:</b> up, in, on	<b>Adjectives:</b> little, clean, shiny, busy, sticky, wet, dirty, mucky, filthy, muddy
<b>Regular plural -s:</b> diggers	<b>Adverb -ly:</b> brightly, suddenly, slightly, fully, lovely

Clearly read this book to your child to increase rhyme and speech sound awareness. Tap your feet or bob your head to emphasise the rhythm as you read.

### After reading:

- Have a look at the names of all the types of diggers on the back page. There are 10 types of diggers in this book!
- It's time for pretend play! Get out your toy cars, trucks and diggers, and have them drive. You could drive your vehicles in the garden or sandpit – get muddy and talk about what you are building. As you play with your child, learn what engages them by observing, waiting and listening: let them lead the play and conversation.

### You might also like to read:

- Giant Parsnip Soup
- Clippity-Clop
- Five Little Cattle Dogs