



Directions





Materials: picture stand

story pictures red arrow

real teddy bear other objects pictured in story

Have the children sit at a table. Put the empty picture stand in front of the children. (See page 9 for instructions on making the picture stand.)

Begin the lesson with the "Matt and Molly Song" (sing to the tune of "Frère Jacques").

SLP/Teacher: "Matt and Molly. Matt and Molly."

SLP/Teacher: "Story time. Story time."

SLP/Teacher: "Listen and look. Listen and look."

SLP/Teacher: "Here we go. Here we go."

During the song, it is important to use the following gestures for visual cues. (See page 6 for visual representations of these gestures.)

Matt: Sign the letter "M" by your temple.

Molly: Sign the letter "M" by your chin.

Time: Tap your wrist with right index finger of "X" sign.

Listen: Make a palm out "L" sign and move thumb toward ear.

Look: Make an "L" sign and with thumb at eye, move hand forward.

We: Make the "W" sign with palm facing left and then circle hand to left side of

chest with palm facing right.

Go: Make the "G" sign with both hands. With hands facing each other, roll them

outward and point forward.

It may take weeks before the children will repeat any of the words or gestures of the "Matt and Molly Song." It is important to continue this routine, however, to signal that this specific activity is beginning.

Say and sign, "Start." (Twist the right index finger between the left index and middle fingers.)

Put each picture card in the picture stand with the number side showing. Be sure to say each number as you go along (e.g. "picture number 1, picture number 2"). Children are usually much more attentive to the pictures when they are at their eye level and are standing upright, rather than lying flat on the table.

Put the red arrow above picture number 1, pointing down. (See page 10 to see how to make and set up the red arrow.)

Say and sign, "Look." Sign "look" as you did in the above song. Say, "Picture number 1." Point to the number 1. Say, "Turn it around." Turn the number 1 card around so the picture is facing the children.

Point to the bear in the picture and say, "Hi Bear." Put the real teddy bear on the table and say, "Hi Bear." Point to the bear in the picture again and say, "Bear." Then point to the real teddy bear again and say, "Bear." Go back and forth a couple of times pointing to and naming the bear to show the relationship between the pictured bear and the real teddy bear.

Do the same pointing and naming for any other item in picture number 1. Point to the pictured item first and then point to the real item.

Next read and point to each of the words at the top of picture number 1. Then use the teddy bear and tangible item(s) to act out the picture.

Help each child point to himself and say, "My turn," when it is his turn to role-play the picture. Assist each child, using hand-over-hand if necessary, in acting out picture number 1. Then say, "What happens next?" Move the red arrow above picture number 2. Say, "Look. Picture number 2. Turn it around."

Repeat the sequence with picture number 2 and picture number 3.

When you have acted out all three pictures, say and sign, "Finished. Bye Bear." (See page 6 to make the sign for "finished.") Wave good-bye to the bear as you put him under the table.

Here's a quick summary of the steps to follow for the language activities:

- 1. Sing the "Matt and Molly Song."
- 2. **"Start."**
- 3. "Picture #1, Picture #2, Picture #3."
- 4. "Look. Picture #1. Turn it around."
- 5. Point to the bear in the picture. "Hi Bear." Point to the real bear. "Hi Bear."
- 6. Point to and name any other object(s) in the picture. Point to and name the real object(s).
- 7. Read and point to each word.
- 8. Act out the picture.
- 9. Assist children with acting out the picture.
- 10. "What happens next?"
- 11. Move the red arrow to the next picture. (Repeat steps 4 through 11 until the story is finished.)
- 12. "Finished. Bye Bear."





Brushing Teeth





Pictures/Sentences

- 1. It's a **toothbrush**.
- 2. Put on **toothpaste**.
- 3. Brush Bear's teeth.

Props

- teddy bear
- empty tube of toothpaste
- toothbrush

Language Activities

Skill: Following Oral Directions

Put three baby dolls or stuffed animals in front of the child. Give simple directions to the child such as:

- "Brush bear's teeth."
- "Brush baby's teeth."
- "Brush dog's teeth."

Give the child pointing cues and/or hand-over-hand assistance if needed.

Skill: Grouping Items

Put five toothbrushes and five paintbrushes into a bag. Set two empty baskets in front of the child. Take one of the toothbrushes out of the bag and say, "**Toothbrush**." Put the toothbrush into one of the empty baskets. Next take one of the paintbrushes out of the bag and say, "**Paintbrush**." Put the paintbrush into the other empty basket. Then allow the child to choose a toothbrush or paintbrush from the bag. Help the child put each toothbrush into the toothbrush basket and each paintbrush into the paintbrush basket.

Home Assignment

Skill: Taking Turns

When it is time for your child to get his teeth brushed, take turns brushing teeth. Say, "(Mommy's) turn." Brush your teeth with your toothbrush. Then say, "(Jimmy's) turn." Brush your child's teeth with his toothbrush. Continue taking turns. Always label whose turn it is.

It's a toothbrush.



Put on toothpaste.



Brush Bear's teeth.

