

GRUFFALO FUN!

Speech & Language Ideas for Parents and Young Children

Talk About The Gruffalo!

Use the book "The Gruffalo" to boost speech and language skills!

Key Words to Use:

- **Animals:** Gruffalo, mouse, owl, fox, snake
- **Descriptions:** scary, tall, big, small, orange, brown
- **Foods:** nuts, acorns, owl ice cream, Gruffalo crumble
- **Sounds:** rustle, snap, growl, hiss, stomp

Tip: Repeat new words often —
"Oh my! The Gruffalo has terrible tusks!"

Boosting Speech & Listening Skills

- **Model, don't correct:** Repeat words clearly and add one more word ("mouse - Little mouse!")
- **Follow their lead:** Talk about what your child is interested in.
- **Use gestures and expressions.** Point, act out, and use sound effects
- **Praise efforts!** "Wow! I loved hearing you say 'scary!' You're so good at telling the story!"

Remember: Everyday play is a chance to build speech, language and imagination. Talk, sing play —
— and a Gruffalo stay away!

Activities for Language Growth

1. Animal Descriptions Game

- Describe animals in the book and let your child guess.
- Say: "I'm thinking of an animal..."
"It's big and brown..."
"It's the Gruffalo!"

2. Gruffalo Story Time

- Read "The Gruffalo" book together,
- Ask questions about the story:
"What did the mouse see?"
"What did the fox say?"
"Do you remember what the Gruffalo has?"

3. Forest Adventures

- Use forest animal toys, pretend to go on a forest walk, or imagine a Gruffalo adventure!

4. Rhymes & Songs

- Recite rhymes and sing songs with forest themes.
- Pause to let your child fill in the missing word in rhymes and songs.

