

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR FUN!

Speech & Language Ideas
for Parents and Young Children

Talk About The Very Hungry Caterpillar!

Use the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to boost speech and language skills!

Key Words to Use:

- **Foods:** apple, pear, plum, strawberry, orange, leaf, foods in the book
- **Insects:** caterpillar, butterfly, cocoon
- **Sizes:** big, small, tiny
- **Days of the week:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Tip: Repeat new words often —
"The caterpillar is eating an apple!
Look, he ate a plum!"

Boosting Speech & Listening Skills

- **Model, don't correct:** Repeat words slowly and add one more word ("apple - Red apple")
- **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, you said 'cocoon'! I love how you're learning new words!"

Activities for Language Growth

1. Foods Game

- Sort and name real, play, or pretend foods.
- Say: "This is a pear! Find the apple!"
"What did the caterpillar eat next?"

2. Story Time and Sequencing

- Read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" together.
- Lay out cards or pictures and put them in order: apple, pear, plum...
- Ask: "What's first?"
"What did he eat next?"

3. Caterpillar Crawl Play

- Use toys or pretend play to act out how the caterpillar crawls, eats, and turns into a butterfly!
- Model language:
"The caterpillar is very hungry!"
"He is munching, munching, munching!"

4. Rhymes & Days of the Week

- Sing rhymes about caterpillars or days of the week.
- Pause to let your child fill in the missing word for days of the week.

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