

Domain and goal

- Comprehends verb + noun phrases throughout the day
- Vocabulary Count
 - Receptive vocabulary of at least 140–200 words
- Theme: Zoo/Farm

Activities

Most of your daily instructions to your child actually follow this language pattern. You have most likely already been consolidating this goal with your child through your daily life. This week, note if your child comprehends these ongoing instructions throughout the day.

- Wash your hands
- Eat your lunch
- Shut the door
- Clean up your toys

If you have any pets, you can ask your child to feed, brush, walk, help bathe, or pat the dog or cat. Helping in the care of a family pet is a wonderful opportunity to expand your child's listening, language and vocabulary.

It's also time to count your child's vocabulary. If you haven't started using the check list in the Appendix, use this week to transfer the words from your individual vocabulary sheets onto the 2500 word list.

Expanding vocabulary: Visit to the zoo or farm

One of the best ways to increase your child's vocabulary, language and concepts is to go on excursions and experience something new with a specific focus in mind. This week visit your local zoo or go to a farm where the animals are tame and available for petting and feeding. You have probably already done this as suggested previously. However, your child will never tire of seeing animals and each visit allows you to extend your child's language and concepts. Nearly every daily phrase you use with your child in his care at home will be seen in caring for animals at a zoo or farm. Animals eat, sleep, play, have baths and are cared for by their parents.

Take photos of all the animals and try to get the animals all doing different activities. Think about the specific vocabulary you can introduce to your child based on this experience – animals nurse from their mothers, they eat different kinds of food, they have body parts that are different from the body parts your child has learned on himself and they live in areas with different names. Your camera will be your most important ally on the day and even if you don't plan on teaching your child everything, still take the photos and save them for a later time.



Date	What did your child do?