



Language Labs For Child Care Providers

Welcome to our Beginnings SC Language Labs, an activity guide designed to support the vocabulary development of your deaf and hard of hearing students. These Language Labs are designed to enhance your deaf and hard of hearing students' vocabulary by utilizing the Ling Thesaurus and specific examples for modeling vocabulary. Through engaging activities and interactive exercises, this guide aims to support teaching vocabulary that is directly tied to a child's needs and interests in a meaningful context. These language labs are also aligned with the South Carolina Early Learning Standards, connecting to Cognitive Development and Language Development and Communication.

Language development plays a crucial role in a child's overall growth and learning experience. For deaf and hard of hearing children, building a strong vocabulary becomes even more essential as they navigate their unique challenges of communication and access. These Language Labs ensure that that the deaf or hard of hearing child receives a comprehensive and structured approach to vocabulary acquisition, included a wide range of words and concepts to develop a solid foundation for your child's vocabulary growth.

Though these activities were made originally for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children, many of these activities can be incorporated with small groups or implemented as a center in an early childhood classroom or childcare program. We hope this resources can support you and be a resource to share with your parents to support child language development.

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