

Communication

Communication Activities: for communication activities there are two levels of provision: **explorers** and **investigators**. Please choose the activity that you think best suits your child's needs.

Explorers: *Sensory tray habitats*

Children could explore sensory tray mini habitats of different places animals live. You could use ice cubes and icing sugar for snow, sand for the desert and water with shells for under the sea. Use a communication board as an aid to communicate. Can they point to or say one word to describe the tray eg. Cold or wet.



cold



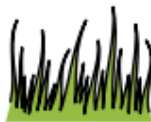
wet



hot



sand



grass



mud

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Investigators: Makaton

Explore and watch Makaton videos to learn new animals. Some great ones are:



Learn to sign animals with Mr tumble

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW9OZwgQpWA>



Singing hands Animals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNm4z3mumHQ>



Fairy Sarah Makaton Phonics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAv5LdbwA3U>

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Attention and Listening games

Freeze game. Dance when the music's on and freeze when its stops. This video is a great one to play.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UcZWXvgMZE>

Matching game.

Giant sized matching game. Take several paper platters and markers and write or draw letters, numbers, animals or colours. You could print out a picture for one and match the animal to another plate.



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Colourful semantics is a great tool used by our speech and language therapists and utilised in the classroom. Create simple sentences with your child by using symbols. You could place one or two to begin the sentence and then see if your child can finish the sentence from a selection of two or three.

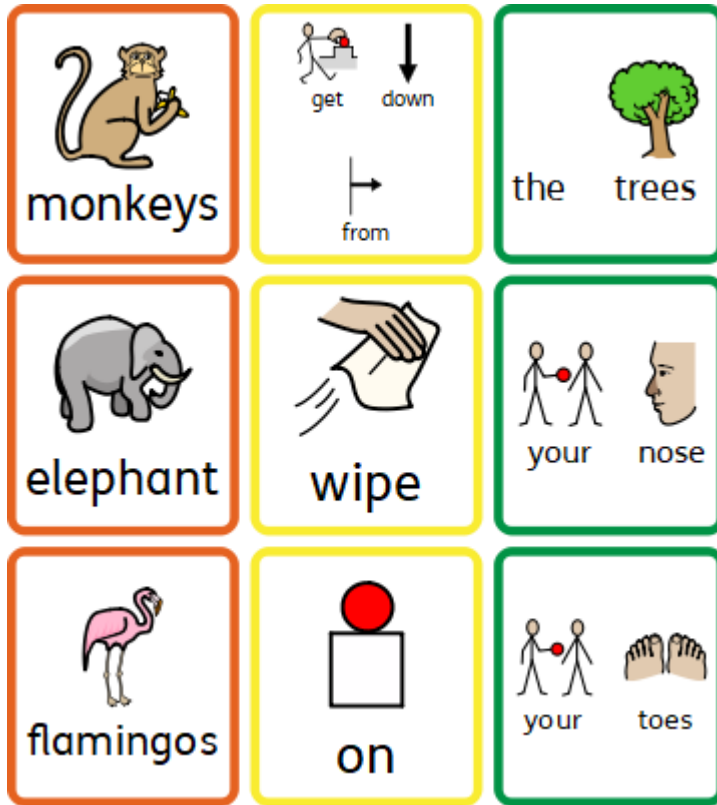
There are lots of ready made online resources such as :

<https://integratedtreatmentservices.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/colourful-semantics-a-day-out-at-the-zoo.pdf>

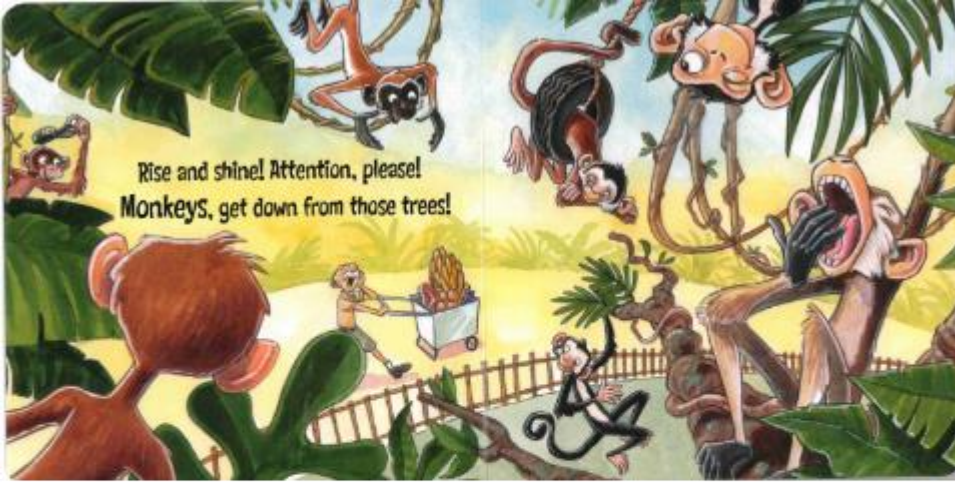


Three empty rectangular boxes with colored borders (orange, yellow, and green) for placing symbols to complete the sentences.

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