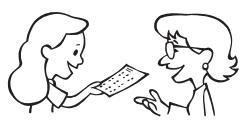


## **Super Duper® Handy Handouts!®**

## **Speech Practice at Home**

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Good communication depends on good articulation skills. Articulation refers to the production of speech sounds. When a child has difficulty producing specific sounds, speech intelligibility decreases, and the listener may not understand the child's intended message. A speech-language pathologist (SLP) works with a child to help him/her produce sounds correctly. They may work on individual sounds in isolation or sounds in syllables,



words, phrases, or sentences. The ultimate goal is to help a child correctly produce speech sounds spontaneously at the conversational level. The SLP may send practice work home for the parents to complete with their child. Homework activities provide opportunities for a child to practice speech in a more natural environment with the encouragement and support of family.

## **Practicing Speech with Your Child**

Following is a list of homework suggestions so that a child may practice speech in everyday situations and environments. Incorporate these simple suggestions at home to help your child practice speech sounds in a functional way. Be sure to follow the guidance of the SLP that is working with your child when implementing these—and any other—practice exercises.

Homework Suggestions - Word/Phrase/Sentence Level Activities (adapted from ARtIC LAB®):

1.	Practice your _	/l/ words	_ 25 times while getting dressed for school.
2.	Practice your _	/r/ phrases	25 times on your way to school or on your way home.
3.	Practice your _	/s/ sentences	while shopping at the grocery store with your parent(s).
4.	Practice your _		_ for five minutes before or after dinner.
5.	Practice your _		_ 25 times before turning off the light to go to bed.
6.	Practice your _		_ with a brother/sister for five minutes.
7.	Practice your _		_ words while taking a bath.
8.	Practice your _		_ during commercials of one TV show.
9.	Practice your _		_ 25 times before or after playing video games.
10.	Practice your _		_ 25 times before brushing your teeth.
11.	Practice your _		_ while riding your bike.
12.	Practice your _		_ while cleaning your room/picking up toys.
13.	Practice your _		_ while your family cooks dinner.
14.	Practice your _		$\_$ as you walk to the corner and back.
15.	Practice your _		_ for five minutes while riding in the car.

## **Helpful Products**

The list of Super Duper® products below may be helpful when working with children who have special needs. Visit <a href="https://www.superduperinc.com">www.superduperinc.com</a> and type in the <a href="https://item.name.or.number.in.our.search.engine">item.name.or.number.in.our.search.engine</a>. Click the links below to see the product description.

Webber's® Jumbo Artic Drill Book

Item #BK-233

Word FLIPS® Item #BK-318

Interactive Sing-Along Big Books Set 3

Item #TPX-18421

Turn & Talk® Early Sounds

Item #BK-350