

Speech Group Activity

Week of 5/25/20: Open and Close

The speech group activity this week involves learning about “open” and “close,” two of the core words targeted at KDS this spring. We’ll be reading a story called “Open and Close,” and then we’ll go around the house opening and closing things (e.g., cabinet, door, refrigerator) to find and follow clues. If you want to participate at your house, print out or refer to the attached scavenger hunt clues sheet.

When you’re ready, watch the video to read the story and then have your student (or help your student) open and close things around your house! Incorporate as much motor movement and multisensory exploration of items as possible (e.g., feel the door knob, the lid of the jar, the cover of the book) while opening and closing.

Additional activities:

As a follow-up to the “Open and Close” story, some students might want to match text to pictures of key vocabulary words, or to answer comprehension questions related to the story. See the attached Comprehension worksheet.

Some students might enjoy opening and closing various containers you have in your house. Put preferred play or food items inside containers for added motivation and/or to add an auditory component to the activity!



Print out or view online the attached Open-Closed Photo ID worksheet if your student would like to identify photos of open versus closed items. If your student has vision limitations, present them with two items (e.g., a closed container and an open container) and see if they can identify which one is open and which one is closed by using their hands (e.g., “your hand can go *in* the one that is open”).

Or print out the attached Open-Close Sort document, cut out the photos, and have your student sort them into 2 bins or piles: open items and closed items.

Some students might like to check out one of these Boom Card decks for identifying pictures of open versus closed items. Click on the links below to play.

Opposites: Open or Closed? (drag and drop word to appropriate picture)

<https://boom.cards/fastplay/cp2c>

Opposites: Open and Closed (click on photo to match word)

<https://boom.cards/fastplay/pjmpb>

Whatever you do, have fun!