

Speech Group Activity

Week of 5/4/20: Hard and Soft

The speech group activity this week involves learning about “hard” and “soft,” (two of the core words targeted at KDS this spring). We’ll be reading a story about objects that feel hard and objects that feel soft.

Before you start the video, look around your home to see if you can find items like the ones we’ll be discussing in the video (listed below). It will be helpful to have some of these items available for your student to explore as they watch the video. Feel free to include other items as well!

- Hard items: rock, can of beans, flashlight, padlock, tool, block of wood
- Soft items: stuffed animal, pillow, play dough, fabric, marshmallows, cotton balls

Watch the video and explore the hard/soft items you’ve gathered.

At the end of the video, some students may want to sort the items they have explored. Get two bags/bins and sort items by how they feel – hard vs. soft (visuals for this sorting activity are included).

Some students may want to express their opinions about the objects they have explored by “voting” on whether they like or don’t like each item. They can mark their votes on the voting sheet (included here), or they can use their devices to let you know how they feel about each item: I + like + it/I + *don’t* + like + it.

Some students might enjoy creating an art piece using hard and/or soft items. I created this painting using a soft sponge and a hard fork. If your student creates an art piece, please email it to your teacher/Speech Language Pathologist, or upload it to your Google Classroom – we’d love to see it!



Some students might like to check out this Boom Card deck for sorting photos of hard versus soft items. Click on the link below to play.

<https://boom.cards/fastplay/z8rht>

If you would like to do more exploration of how things feel, you might want to read the short story “This Feels” (included here), which discusses hard/soft, wet/dry, rough/smooth, cold/warm. Pick one or all of these concepts for further exploration – a walk outside might be a great way to find things that are wet and dry, or rough and smooth!