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Symbolic Sounds and Early Vocabulary

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Our Information and Training team is here to help

Please see our website for up-to-date information: www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

If you would like to talk about the activities or where to start, then please get in touch with our helpline by calling 0333 1212 300 or by emailing us on

info@downs-syndrome.org.uk.

Helpline Monday - Friday 10am-4pm | Telephone: 0333 1212 300

Symbolic sounds, sound effects and animal sounds

Baa	Ee'aw (donkey)	Ow!	Telephone ring sound (ring ring)
Boo!	Meow	Pop!	Uh oh
Brmm	Mmmm	Rrrr (growl)	Up, up, up...
Choo choo	Moo	Quack quack (duck)	Woof
Down... (with action and toys)	Oink (pig)		Yummy

Animal words

Animal	Dog	Insect	Pony
Bear	Donkey	Kitten	Puppy
Bee	Duck	Lamb	Rabbit
Bird	Elephant	Lion	Sheep
Butterfly	Fish	Monkey	Squirrel
Cat	Frog	Mouse	Teddy bear
Chicken	Giraffe	Owl	Tiger
Cow	Goose	Penguin	Tortoise
Deer	Horse	Pig	Zebra

Vehicles

Aeroplane/ Plane	Car	Motorcycle	Train
Bicycle	Fire-engine	Pushchair	Lorry/truck
Bus			

Toys

Ball	Bells/shaker	Car	Pen
Balloon	Book	Duck	Toy
Brick/block	Bubbles	Doll	Teddy

Food and drink

Apple	Cheese	Ice cream	Peas
Banana	Chicken	Juice	Pizza
Biscuit	Coffee	Meat	Raisin
Bread	Cracker	Milk	Spaghetti
Butter	Drink	Noodles	Sweets
Cake	Egg	Orange	Toast
Carrots	Fish	Pasta	Water
Cereal	Food		

Clothing

Beads	Dress	Nappy	Shoe
Bib	Hat	Necklace	Shorts
Boots	Jacket	Pyjamas	Sock
Button	Jeans	Pants	Zip
Coat	Jumper	Shirt	

Body parts

Arm	Eye	Hand	Nose
Belly button	Face	Head	Tooth
Bottom	Foot	Knee	Toe
Cheek	Finger	Leg	Tongue
Ear	Hair	Mouth	Tummy

Furniture and rooms

Bathroom	Cot	Living room	Sink
Bath	Door	Oven	Stairs
Bed	Drawer	Play pen	Table
Bedroom	Garage	Potty	TV
Chair	High chair	Refrigerator/fridge	Window
Cooker	Kitchen	Settee/sofa	

Small household items

Blanket	Dish	Money	Soap
Bottle	Fork	Paper	Spoon
Bowl	Glass	Penny	Telephone/phone
Box	Glasses	Picture	Toothbrush
Broom	Hammer	Pillow	Towel
Brush	Keys	Plant	Vacuum cleaner /Hoover
Clock	Lamp	Plate	Watch
Comb	Light	Purse	
Cup	Medicine	Radio	
		Scissors	

Outside things and places to go

Beach	Outside	Shop	Sun
Church	Park	Spade	Swing
Flower	Party	Sky	Tree
Garden	Pool	Slide	Water
Home	Rain	Snow	Work
House	Rock	Star	Zoo
Moon	School		

People

Aunt	Child	Granddad	People
Baby	Children	Grandma	Person
Babysitter	Child's own name	Lady	Sister
Babysitter's name	Daddy	Man	Teacher
Boy	Girl	Mummy	Uncle
Brother			

Games and routines

Bath	Go	Night night	Pat-a-cake
Breakfast	Hello	No	Shh/shush/hush
Bye/ bye bye	Hi	Peekaboo	Stop
Dinner	Lunch	Please	Thank you
Don't	Nap/sleep		

Question words

What	Where	Who	
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Prepositions and locations

Away	In	On	Under
Back	Inside	Out	Up
Down	Off	There	

Quantifiers

All	None	Same	Some
More	Again	Another	Other

Action words

Bite	Feed	Open	Splash
Blow	Finish	Play	Stop
Break	Get	Pull	Swim
Bring	Give	Push	Swing
Bump	Go	Put	Take
Clean	Help	Read	Throw
Close	Hit	Ride	Tickle
Cry	Hug/cuddle	Run	Touch
Craw	Hurry	Say	Watch
Dance	Jump	See	Walk
Drink	Kick	Show	Wash
Drive	Kiss	Sing	Wipe
Eat	Look	Sleep	Write
Fall	Love	Smile	

Words about time

Day	Now	Today	Tonight
Later	Morning/Night	Tomorrow	First/Next

Descriptive words

All gone	Cute/sweet	Happy	Pretty
Asleep	Dark	Hard	Red
Bad	Dirty	Hot	Scared
Big	Dry	Hungry	Sick
Blue	Empty	Hurt	Sleepy
Broken	Fast	Little	Soft
Careful	Fine	Naughty	Thirsty
Clean	Gentle	Nice	Tired
Cold	Good	Old	Wet
			Yucky

Pronouns

He	It	My	This
Her	Me	She	You
His	Mine	That	Your
I			

We offer information, support and advice on any questions you have about Down's syndrome. Please call us to speak with one of our Information Officers, who will be happy to talk through your questions or concerns. **Helpline: 0333 1212 300**

If you would prefer to, you can email us at **info@downs-syndrome.org.uk**

We also offer Early Development training for parents and practitioners – find out more on our training pages **<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/about/training>** or email **training@downs-syndrome.org.uk**

The Down's Syndrome Association provides information and support on all aspects of living with Down's syndrome.

We also work to champion the rights of people with Down's syndrome, by campaigning for change and challenging discrimination.

A wide range of Down's Syndrome Association publications can be downloaded free of charge from our website.

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