

## Concept of Spoken Word

Consider using the following activities at home with your child:

- ★ Say a sentence and have your child clap out the number of words in the sentence (for example, they will clap five times after hearing the sentence, "The boy ran very fast," and only four times after hearing "The boy ran fast").
  
- ★ **Count the Words** - cover a ruler with foil like a magic wand and use it to tap a table with each word in a sentence:
  - Example sentences:
    - We are a cool family (5).
    - Learning is fun (3).
    - We love to play outside (5).
    - We are so smart (4).
  
- ★ **The Yellow Brick Road** - place yellow pieces of paper (approximately 8), in a road either outside or around your house. Tell your child you are going to take a walk down the yellow brick road. Before they begin the walk, say a sentence to your child. For example: Sarah eats ice cream. Have your child step on one brick at a time for each word as they repeat the sentence to you.
  - Other example sentences to use:
    - Laura is a good reader (5).
    - Caitlin sings like a bird (5).
    - Alexandra loves veggies (3).
    - Carter plays baseball (3).
    - Ryan and his friends play catch (6).
    - Chad rides his bike down the street (7).

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- ★ [Sentence Game](#) (Caregiver Video)
  - Download this activity at: [Sentence Game](#)

**Resource:** [Heggerty Parent Newsletters 2022](#)