

Attributes and Functions

- Functions describe the use of objects: (What do you do with scissors? What do you do with an apple? What do you do with a car?)
- Attributes are descriptive concepts about objects (size, shape, color, function): (Can you tell me something about an apple? It is red, it grows on a tree, it has seeds and a stem, and you can eat it.)
- When looking at pictures in books, have your child point to a picture after you state its function or attribute. (Show me something you drive. Point to something that is good to eat. Point to the one that is green. Show me the one that is very fast.)
- When looking at pictures in books, ask your child simple function or attribute questions. If your child does not know how to respond, model the correct answer.
- As you model everyday language for your child, consistently use descriptive words when labeling objects. (Look at that fast car. That dog has spots on its fur. That boy looks sad. That is a big, round pizza.)