

Directional/Positional Concepts

- Use directional words (in, out, off, on, under, over, behind, in front, beside, around, between) regularly when talking with your child.
- Use directional/positional words when asking your child to help with tasks – (Put the fork beside the plate. Put your shoes in your closet. Take the toy off the table and put it in your toy box.)
- Play a hide-n-seek game with favorite objects. Have your child use a directional/positional words to describe where they found the object – (It was under the couch. It was behind the chair. It was in the sink.)
- Discourage the use of ‘right here’ or ‘right there’ to describe the position of an object. Model the correct answer if needed.
- Point out things in your child’s environment (at home, at the store, when taking a walk, at Grandma’s house) by using directional/positional words. (“Look at the dog under the tree. I see Grandma sitting on the couch. Look, I stepped over that big rock.”)
- Have your child repeat a directional/positional word that you have used. (“The toy is under your bed. Where did you find the toy?”)