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Parent handout on ways to add language while
doing the laundry.



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Many Parents want activities to work on language skills at home. They want activities that are easy to set up. Here is a great way to work on various language skills and teach responsibility.

This one page handout talks about ways to add language skills into grocery shopping:

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Chores are a great way for children to learn responsibility. They are also a great way to develop language skills.



1. Sort by colour: Have your child sort the laundry into different colours. Here is a great opportunity to talk about light versus dark colours.

2. Clean and dirty: Talk and show how the clothes are dirty before they go in the washing machine and how they are clean after. Take pictures of clothes that are obviously dirty then look at them when they are clean.

3. Wet and dry: Have your child transfer clothes from the washer to the dryer. Talk about how they are wet. When they take them out of the dryer talk about how they are dry.

4. Same and Different: Have your child pair up socks. Accidentally mismatch socks and talk about how they don't go together because they are different. Have them identify if socks are same and different.

5. Big and Little: Talk about big and little or have your child identify clothes that are big and little as you are sorting them. Another way is sort clothes into big and little piles.

6. Possessive nouns: When folding and/or hanging up laundry have your child identify who the clothes belong to (e.g. Daddy's shirt, my pants, Mommy's socks).

7. Use words such as "not" and "doesn't":

Pretend to sort the laundry wrong way and then talk about it. "Oh! That doesn't go with the blue pile!" or "Oops! That's not your shirt, that's mine." It is important for children to see that everybody makes mistakes and that you can fix a mistake and try again.

8. Play "I spy": Describe a design on a piece of clothing and have your child try to find it (e.g. I'm looking for a pair of pants. They are small and green). Another good challenge would be for your child to describe a piece of clothing and you try and find it.

9. Top/middle/bottom: Talk about where the clothing goes in the closet or dresser or have your child tell you where they go. E.g. "The shirts go in the middle drawer. The underwear goes in the top drawer."

10. Following Directions: Make a game out of putting laundry away. Make up funny directions such as "take 5 pairs of socks and hop to your room and put them away."

11. Sequencing: Talk about the steps of doing laundry and have your child do laundry with you a few times. Then mix up the sequence and see if your child recognizes that you did it out of sequence. Talk about or have your child talk about why it was out of sequence and what step should happen next.

