



# EVERYDAY LANGUAGE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Language is everywhere! Take advantage of everyday tasks for opportunities to exercise your child's understanding and usage of language.

## Examples of Everyday Tasks

- Cooking
- Washing Dishes
- Doing Laundry
- Cleaning the Bathroom
- Dusting and Vacuuming
- Taking out the Trash
- Taking Care of Pets
- Washing the Car
- Navigating Public Transportation
- Making a Purchase
- Grocery Shopping
- Borrowing a Library Book
- Ordering food

## Language Skills Required

- Reading and listening comprehension
- Sequencing steps to complete a task
- Using temporal and descriptive concepts (e.g., first, next, hot, cold)
- Problem solving and planning
- Asking for help
- Categorization and sorting
- Following directions
- Demonstrating social skills and appropriate interactions with others
- Clearly communicating a message verbally or in writing
- Using appropriate grammar/syntax and vocabulary

## Additional Activities to Elicit Language

- Summarize a recipe or directions to complete a task
- Answer comprehension questions about the activity, directions, or recipe
- Practice "teaching" others how to complete the task
- Evaluate a potential problem and generate possible solutions
- Write a grocery list using clear language
- Create a map detailing the organization of a store, library, or other public space
- Make a pros and cons list to compare/contrast (e.g., different types of transportation, different jobs)
- Plan a trip (what do you need to pack? How will you get there? Etc.)
- Give someone directions to a certain location
- Create a chore chart
- Create a skit to practice a certain social situation
- Make a budget and plan possible expenses for the week/month