

## Oral Language – Faces and Feelings Game

Young children are very sensitive to feelings. Help them develop a strong vocabulary with this fun “making faces” game.

1. Say a word or phrase to your child.
2. Ask them to make a face to match the word or phrase.
3. You may need to give your child the word for the emotions they are expressing, such as “sad” or “happy.”
4. You may want to ask them more, such as:
  - a. Why did you make that face?
  - b. How do those words make you feel?
  - c. “Tell me about a time when this happened to you.” Or “Tell me about a time when this word/phrase was important to you.”

Some words and phrases as ideas:

Ice cream	Band-aid	Little kittens	Tickle, tickle
Thunder and lightning	A hug	Your friend gets angry at you	Getting in trouble
Your block building falls down	clowns	A friend asks you to play	Your teacher smiles at you
Boo!	Birthday	A friend is crying	Bathtime
Peas (or some other food they may not like)	Soft, quiet music	Yelling	A dog barking



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