

VEHICLE SOUND GARAGE

Sometimes, children struggle with talking because early sounds are tricky for them. Knowing where to start can feel overwhelming, but focusing on certain types of words can help make speech easier and more fun. Here are some types of words to try first:

- Words with clear pitch changes like “uh-oh,” “wow,” “whee,” or “yay” .
- Words or sounds paired with actions, such as “hi,” “uh-oh,” or “oops,” which help connect talking with movement.
- Sound effect words like “woof” or “beep” that are fun and simple to say.

Starting with these kinds of words can make learning to talk more natural and encouraging for your child.



EQUIPMENT

You will need:

- A collection of toy vehicles: car, bus, fire engine, train, plane, etc.
- A cardboard box or bin to act as the garage
- A simple ramp (book or cardboard tilted) for driving cars down.

OTHER WAYS TO PLAY

Yes/No Animal Sounds Game

Hold up an animal and make a silly or correct sound:

“This is a sheep... moo?”

Let your child say “nooo!” or laugh. Then model the correct sound.

Feed the Farm Animals

What you do: Use toy animals and pretend food (or real snacks). As you “feed” each one, model their sound and encourage your child to copy:

“Let’s feed the pig – oink oink!”

Add pitch play: say some sounds loud, soft, high, or low.

HOW TO PLAY

Set the Scene: Say: “We’re going to play in the vehicle sound garage! Let’s see what sounds our cars and trucks make”

Drive & Name the Sound. Let your child pick a vehicle and model the sound:

Car: vroom vroom!

Fire engine: nee-naw, nee-naw!

Bus: brmm brmm!

Plane: whoooosh!

Train: choo choo!

Honking: beep beep!

Use Sound Words with Pitch. Add fun emotional words like:

Uh-oh! (car crash or gets stuck)

Whee! (car goes down the ramp)

Yay! (when a car reaches the garage)

Oops! (vehicle tips over the edge.)

Let your child copy the sounds, or just enjoy listening if they’re not ready to speak yet. Praise any sound or attempt.

Add Imaginative Play (optional)

“Oh no! The fire truck is stuck – can we say uh-oh?”