

10 IDEAS TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE AS YOU PLAY TOGETHER WITH TEMPLATES AND STENCILS

1. *Have your child create a picture with the stencils. You may wish to provide assistance by holding down the stencil as your child traces it. Have your child describe the creation.*
2. *Have your child tell a story about their picture. Use prompts such as “first, then, and last. . .”*
3. *Describe similarities and differences between different stencils.*
4. *Find how many items are of a particular color or shape. “How many round things do you see?”*
5. *Label and describe different parts on the stencils.*
6. *Match objects in the immediate environment that resemble the stencils.*
7. *Help your child imagine the stencils in real life. Compare sizes. Ex. Which one’s bigger, an elephant or a mouse?*
8. *Discuss what the stencils are used for in actuality. Ex. “Where does a lion live?” or “What does an airplane do?” or “We use a hammer to. . .”*
9. *Make silly pictures by mixing different stencils together into one picture. Make up a story together.*
10. *Have your child try to describe the stencil without looking at it. You may wish to prompt with some questions, such as ‘how many legs does it have?’*