VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT FOR TODDLERS

Common Naming Words (Nouns)  ball, book, block, cup/bottle/drink, choo-choo, train, bike, rain, bubble, car, truck, boat, plane, baby, bowl, spoon, diaper, sock, shoe, shirt, pants, hat, star, eye, nose, belly/tummy, toe, flower, house, tree, brush, towel, bath, chair, table, bed, blanket, light, cookie, cracker, chip, cheese, apple, banana, ice cream, cereal (Cheerios/ “O’s”), candy, milk, juice, water, dog, cat, fish, bird, duck, cow, horse, bunny, bear, pig, lion, bee, frog, snake, monkey, turtle

Names for Favorite People  Mama, Dada, siblings, pets, grandparents & other family members, sitter, and favorite characters such as Elmo, Dora, Diego, etc...

Social Function Words  more, please, thank you, hi/hello, bye bye, again, sorry, uhhuh, yes/uh-huh/okay, no/uh-uh

Early Action Words (Verbs) – bite, blow, break, bring, bump, clean, close, cook, cry, dance, draw, drink, drive, eat, fall, feed, finish, get, give, go, help, hit, hug, hurry, jump, kick, kiss, look, love, open, play, pull, push, put, read, ride, run, say, see, show, sing, sleep, smile, splash, stop, swim, swing, take, throw, tickle, touch, walk, wash, watch, wipe, write

Early Location Words (Prepositions) – in, out, off, on, up, down, there, here, under

Possessive Words (Pronouns) – me, mine, my, you, I, it

Descriptive Words (Adjectives/Adverbs) – all gone, asleep, bad, big, broken, careful, clean, cold, cute, dark, dirty, dry, empty, fast, fine, gentle, good, happy, hard, hot, hungry, hurt, little, naughty, ice, old, pretty, scared, sick, sleepy, soft, thirsty, tired, wet, yucky, yummy


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