

LANGUAGE: VOCABULARY AND SYNTAX

DID YOU KNOW?

(FROM SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS)

- Receptive vocabulary refers to all the words a person understands.
- Expressive vocabulary refers to all the words a person uses when speaking.
- Not understanding words or using words incorrectly is very common among children with language problems.
- Syntax refers to the way words are arranged in a sentence to convey meaning.
- Semantics refers to the meaning of words and how they are used.
- Semantic relationships are language structures commonly used by young children such as:
 - Action-location, Ex: "come here"
 - Action-object, Ex: "drink, juice"
 - Agent-action, Ex: "mommy open"
 - Agent-object, Ex: "daddy home"
 - Demonstrative-entity, Ex: "that ball"
 - Entity-location, Ex: "baby there"
 - Possessor-possession, Ex: "my bear"
- Morphology is the study of how words are formed by putting together morphemes.
- A morpheme is a word or part of a word that contains meaning.

