

Skills for Living

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Topic 10-5

Meeting Children's Intellectual Needs

- In this topic, you will learn how to help children develop the ability to reason and use complex thought, as well as
 - ❖ **The role of play in intellectual development**
 - ❖ **Enrichment activities for children**
 - ❖ **Selecting toys**

Meeting Children's Intellectual Needs

Objectives for Topic 10-5

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- explain the role of play in intellectual development
- describe various enrichment activities that stimulate children intellectually
- list guidelines for selecting toys for children

Topic 10-5 Terms

- ❖ imitative-imaginative play
- ❖ dramatic play

- ❖ socio-dramatic play
- ❖ multicultural book

The Role of Play in Intellectual Development

- In *imitative-imaginative play*, children use their imagination as they pretend to be other people or objects
- In *dramatic play*, a child imitates another person or acts out a situation, but does so alone
- *Socio-dramatic play* involves several children imitating others and acting out situations together

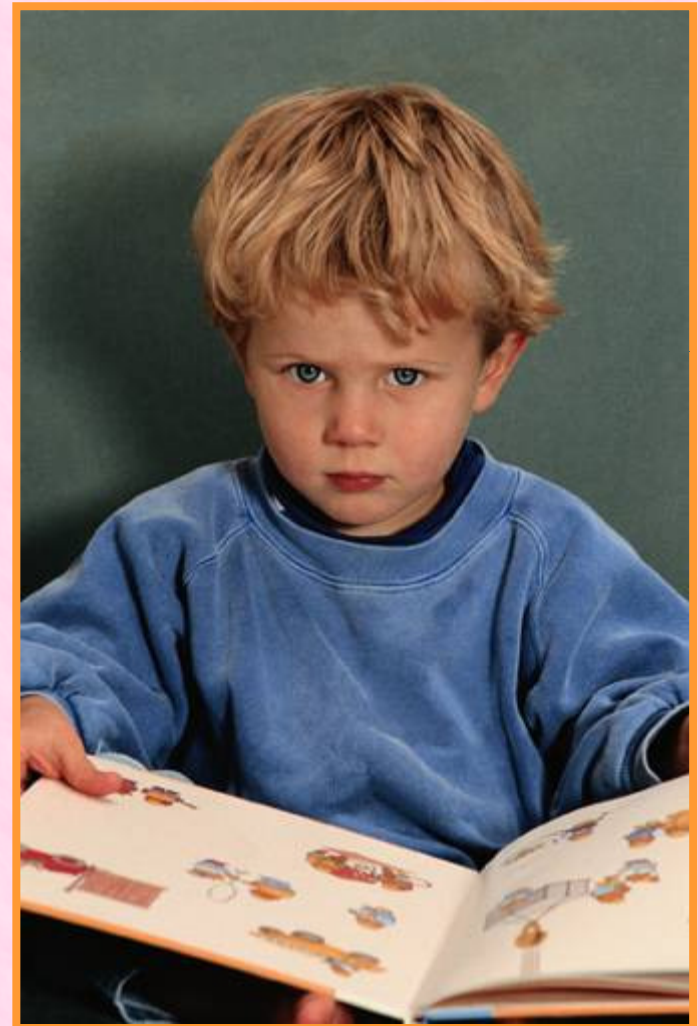
Enrichment Activities for Children

- A variety of activities gives children the opportunity to learn a range of skills
 - ❖ books
 - ❖ stories
 - ❖ art activities
 - ❖ music activities
 - ❖ watching TV and videos



Books

- Help build vocabulary and communication skills
- Can expose a wide range of ideas
 - ❖ *Multicultural books* are stories that involve characters from a variety of racial and ethnic groups



Stories

- Stories encourage children to use their imaginations
- Children may use dramatic skills to act them out or creativity to illustrate them
- Stories can create a desired setting

Art Activities

- Art activities
 - ❖ teach children about colors, line, and shapes
 - ❖ provide an opportunity to develop creativity
 - ❖ help children express emotions
- Caregivers should give basic guidelines on use of materials
- Caregivers should never criticize children's artwork

Music Activities

- Music activities introduce children to concepts such as

- ❖ rhythm
- ❖ pitch
- ❖ rhymes



- Music appeals to children of all ages
- Music can help create a desired mood

Watching TV and Videos

- Watching TV, DVDs, and videos
 - ❖ gives children a chance to slow down after an active day
 - ❖ can teach basic concepts
 - ❖ informs children about current issues
- Caregivers should watch programs *with* children
- Programs should be age-appropriate

Selecting Toys

■ Toys

- ❖ help children grow physically, emotionally, and socially
- ❖ should be chosen to stimulate total development
- ❖ should be age-appropriate and safe



Age Appropriateness

- Select toys based on age and skill level
- Check age suggestions on labels when buying toys
- Consider the child's interests

Safety

- When choosing toys, avoid
 - ❖ toys with small parts that can be swallowed
 - ❖ sharp points and rough edges
 - ❖ long cords and strings
 - ❖ flammable materials
 - ❖ nonwashable dolls and stuffed toys
 - ❖ toxic paints
 - ❖ poorly made toys
- Check instructions and demonstrate safe use
- Make sure toys are stored properly

Summary for Topic 10-5

- Parents can stimulate their children's intellectual development by reading to them or telling them stories
- Art and music activities help children develop skills and creativity
- When choosing toys, parents must consider age appropriateness and safety