

## Conversation Book Content Ideas

Include the following to help your child explain where they have been, places of interest or where they are planning to go. (If an accompanying explanation is needed, write a simple message on a post-it note or index card and include it with the picture or item):

- Pamphlets, brochures
- Newspaper articles/pictures
- Magazine articles/pictures (even items that are on their Birthday or Wish list!)
- Pictures or ads
- Ticket stubs
- Photographs
- Birthday or other greeting cards from special people
- Body tattoos
- Stickers

Include **jokes** – write the question on one side of the page with the answer on the other so the communication partner can't read the answer before your child has had a chance to "ask" the question.

Include lists of information (examples below) that your child might be talking about - they may be words that are new or with difficult sound combinations.

- Favourite movie titles
- Games they enjoy
- Toys that they play with
- Music that they like to listen to
- Video games

Include photographs and or lists of places that your child has visited on vacation or for special events – you can also include a small map (hand drawn or copied). These could include places that you have been to quite some time ago or places you are planning to go to.

Include drawings (stick people are ok!) of an event like:

- Taking the dog for a walk
- Playing with dolls/toys
- Going to the arena with friends
- Helping to make cookies
- Helping cook dinner
- Helping to set the table

**Or** you could just put in an index card a written message about something you did together (i.e. shopping for groceries, going for a walk etc.). If your child bought some nail polish or new markers for example, you could mark some of it on the index card to show the colour(s).

Put in a dried leaf or a flower from a walk. If you are on a walk and your child finds something like a rock that does not fit in the book, put in a note about it and put the item in their backpack.

- Include grocery receipts – circle what your child picked out to buy for their lunch.
- Take photos of collectables (favourite vehicles, teddy bears, dolls, coins, etc.)
- Include collector cards (i.e. hockey, baseball, Webkinz, Build a Bear).
- Include favourite pictures from calendars.
- Include mementos from places that you attended (i.e. ski tags, attendance bracelets).
- Include core vocabulary (topic board, alphabet board, lists of info, strategies information).