

Key Vocabulary: Teddy Bears Picnic Connecting words to movement and meaning

Young children learn language best through meaningful experiences. Rather than teaching vocabulary in isolation, we invite you to weave these words into everyday interactions. As children explore, play, and move, notice when they naturally embody these actions and name them in context—"Oh, you're swaying just like in our story!" or "Look at you tiptoeing so carefully!" This helps children connect words to movement and meaning, just like they do when they act out a story in Story Steps. Let these expressive words become part of your shared language, enriching both storytelling and daily interactions.

peer

Max peers inside the fridge.

tiptoes

He tiptoes towards the sound.

Max stands on tiptoe.

Swaying

Everyone starts swaying.

twirling

Let's start twirling around.