

“Y” Unit Semivowels



Habilitation Outreach for
Professionals in Education

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Child-Friendly “Y” Words

Initial

unicorn
use
yacht
yahoo
yak
yam
yank
yap
yard
yardstick
yarn
yawn
yeah!
year
yell
yellow
yellow jacket
yelp
yes

yesterday
yet
yield
yikes!
yip
yodel
yoga
yogurt
yolk
you
you'd
you'll
young
your
yourself
youth
yowl
yo-yo
yucky
yummy
yum-yum

Medial

magnolia
onion
rectangular
spaniel
stallion
tortilla
triangular
vacuum
yo-yo
yucca
yum/yum
ambulance
backyard
barbecue
barnyard
circular
canyon
coyote
crayon
cube
cucumber
curious
cute
few
figure
front yard
huge
human
kayak

Each day, every day

- Play outside in **your** front **yard** or back **yard**.
- **Yeah** for **you**!
- **Yodel** while **you** walk.
- **Yawn** when **you're** sleepy.
- Answer “**yes**” and “**no**” questions.
- Be **curious** about how things work.

Activities

- Sort clothes. These are mine, these are his/hers and these are **yours**.
- Draw a picture, look at photos, or dictate a story about what **you** did **yesterday**.
- Gather tools and **utensils** and discuss, “What do **you** use this for?”
- Draw with **crayons**.
- **Vacuum** the floor.
- Play with a **yo-yo**.
- Be a cowboy, “**Yahoo!**”
- Glue pieces of **yarn** to cardboard to make an abstract picture.
- Find everything in the house that is **yellow**.
- Find scary things around **your** house. **Yikes!!!**
- Pretend to be a cheerleader. Jump and **yell**. **Yeah!**
- Pretend to be a dog. Make different dog sounds: **yap**, **yelp**, **yip**, and **yowl**.
- Make a **huge** spider web in **your** room **using** lots of **yarn**.
- Find all the **triangular**, **circular** or **rectangular** things in **your** house.
- **Use** play dough to make “**Y**” animals: **unicorn**, **yak**, **coyote**, **stallion**, cocker **spaniel**, **yellow** jacket.
- Make a **human** collage. **Use** pictures from old magazines.
- Make a **kayak** from a large **rectangular** box.
- Help mom or dad weed flowerbeds. **Yank** out the weeds.
- Measure the rooms of **your** house **using** a **yardstick**.
- Make a **huge**, **yellow** **yield** sign out of construction paper.
- Learn a **few** **yoga** moves.
- Pretend to be an **ambulance** driver. Did **you** **cure** all the sick people?
- Read a **Curious** George book.

Daily Routines

Getting dressed

- Get dressed all by **yourself**.
- Wear something **yellow**.
- Look at **yourself** in the mirror. **You** are **young**.
- That is a **cute** outfit.
- **Yell** to your friend across the street.

Kitchen capers

- “Do **you** want ____?” “**Yes**, please” or “No, thank **you**.”
- Taste different flavors of **yogurt**. Which one is **yummy**?
- A raw **onion** might taste **yucky**.
- Eat a **tortilla**.
- Make a **cucumber** salad.
- Help **your** dad or mom with the **barbecue**.
- Eat **yams** for dinner.
- Put ice **cubes** in **your** soda pop.
- How do **you** like the **yolks** of **your** eggs?
- Have a **barbecue** in **your** backyard.

Games and Toys

- Brown Bear, Panda Bear What Do **You** See game by University Games
- Polar Bear Touch and Stack Blocks by Small World Toys (**you**)
- **Barnyard** (Wee Sing 6)
- Number One, Touch **Your** Tongue (Wee Sing 3)

Songs, Rhymes or Fingerplays

- Did You Feed My Cow? (Wee Sing 7)
- Bought Me a Cat (Wee Sing 7)
- The Old Chisholm Trail (Wee Sing 10)
- No, No, Yes, Yes (Wee Sing 11)
- Tingalayo (Wee Sing 7, 9)
- Put Your Little Foot (Wee Sing 8)
- The Hokey Pokey (Wee Sing 3, 9)
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat (Wee Sing 4, 9)
- If You're Happy (Wee Sing 9)
- Shake Your Sillies Out

Book: *Are You My Mother?*

Written by P. D. Eastman

The baby bird sets out to find his mother. Along the way he meets many interesting animals and vehicles, but none of them are his mother. What will happen? Will mother and baby bird find each other?

Building communication with this book

- **WH question** "Where is ____?"
- **Auxiliary verb question** "Are you ____?"
- **Turn taking in conversation using question and answer**
- **"Not" concept**
- **Categorize animals and vehicles**
- **Compare and contrast** How are the bird and the airplane the same and different?
- **Safety reminder** Stay in the same place if you get lost.

Conversational phrases for this book

- "Are **you** my mother?" and "I am not **your** mother." each time they are used in the story.
- The tree is growing in the **yard**.
- The baby bird is **young**.
- "Yikes!" he **yelled** as he fell out of the tree.
- He **yelled** down to the boat.
- He **yelled** up to the plane.
- "**You** are not a ____."
- "**Yeah! You** are my mother."
- Mother bird said, "**You** were all by **yourself**."
- The baby and the mother bird are **reunited**.

Props for this book

- Baby bird and mother bird
- Nest
- Tree branch or twig
- Plastic egg
- Worm
- Rock
- Kitten
- Chicken
- Dog
- Cow
- Old car
- Boat
- Plane
- Steam shovel or front loader

Additional Books

- *Yummy Yucky* by Leslie Patricelli
- *Clap Your Hands* by Lorinda Bryan Cauley
- *Yo! Yes!* by Chris Roschka
- *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.
- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino
- *Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?* by Jane Manning or other version
- *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea* by Jennifer Ward
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
- *My Crayons Talk* by Patricia Hubbard

