

THE BIG BOOK OF EXCLAMATIONS

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- The author designed this book to shape speech motor skills.
- Unlike most books, it does not have a story to read.
- Along the bottom of each page there are prompts that teach parents/caregivers how to act out the illustrations and interact using gestures, sounds, and words.
- Each illustration is filled with opportunities for:
 1. Practicing speech in conjunction with movement.
 2. Using sound effects with both short and long sounds.
 3. Using words with distinctive pitch patterns.
 4. Using words with strong emotions.
 5. Using words with early consonants.
- Once children develop foundational vocalizations, speech pathologists can then use the book to show parents how to expand on sounds and syllable structure.
- Each spread has an active “mama, dada, papa, baby, kitty, and puppy.” This helps SLP's easily explain and model syllable expansion for parents as they watch and learn.
- Since the illustrations depict routine, daily activities (bedroom, kitchen, living room, park, & bathroom scenes), parents can generalize the sounds and syllables they are working on from the book to their everyday life.

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