



Speech Sensory Bins:

Increase interactive speech and promote learning with multisensory elements.

Your sensory bin can be filled with many items such as packing peanuts, uncooked rice & beans, or paper shreds, marbles, kinetic sand, and slime (just laminate what goes into it).

1. Print off picture cards and laminate. Print off another set of cards and copy them at a reduced size. Laminate them and place them in the bin filled with beans or pasta or kinetic sand. Have kids match pull out the small card versions that are buried in the sand and match them to the larger corresponding picture card.
2. Print off a list of questions [opposites, categories, action words, or prepositions], and read them to client. Have client find the answers that you have hidden in the sensory bin.
3. Print of question or picture cards and place them face side down on the table. Have client turn over a card from the deck on their turn and see if they can find the answer hidden in the sensory bin.
4. Have 2 of each item or picture. Place 1 of the pair into the sensory bin and the other in a hat or decorative box. Let client pick out 1 picture from the box and match it to the corresponding picture hidden in the sensory bin. This is great with a Jack-O-Lantern bucket or Santa's Hat.
5. Take a puzzle (about 20 pieces) and place half of them into the sensory bin. Have clients pull out the pieces that they are missing and see if they can explain why the piece that they pulled from the sensory bin can be placed into the puzzle or why it cannot fit yet.
6. Place exercise cards (Yoga Poses, etc.) into the sensory bin, then have client pull out a designated number of cards to do before going to their next therapy task.
7. Place number cards face down (You can use a regular deck of cards with face cards and joker removed). Place tiny objects into the sensory bin [erasers, pen caps, bouncy balls, etc.] and have client remove the corresponding number of items from the sensory bin that match the number on the card that they have in their hand.
8. Place pieces of paper with a number on it into the sensory bin. Have the client pull out a number and then give that many clues about something, such as an animal, that they think you need in order to guess what animal they are thinking of.