

# Chapter 12

## Reproducible Master F

### Grammar of Toddlers

#### Stage 1 Holophrastic Speech

- *Holophrase*—a one-word utterance that may vary in meaning depending on the toddler's intentions. For example, "Daddy," may mean "Where is Daddy?" or "There's Daddy."
- **Common Single Words**

Important people—*mama, daddy*

Foods—*milk, juice*

Actions—*bye-bye, hug, kiss*

Outside objects—*house, tree, snow*

Body parts—*nose, ear*

Clothing—*shoes, hat*

Animals—specific pets, farm or zoo animals

Household items—*lights, fans, clocks*

Vehicles—*car, plane*

Toys—*books, dolls, trucks*

Places—*park, pool*

Adult items—*keys, watch, ring*

#### Stage 2 Telegraphic Speech

- *Telegraphic speech*—"sentence" consisting of only content words, not *function words* (articles, prepositions, conjunctions, auxiliary verbs).
- **Common Word Combinations and Meanings**

Identification—*See kitty*

Location—*Book table*

Nonexistence—*Milk all gone*

Negation—*No bath*

Possession—*My truck*

Attribution—*Big dog*

Recurrence—*Tickle again*

Question—*What that?*