

Beginner ESL Lesson for a 4-Year-Old

Objective

- Practice using 'here' and 'there' in simple sentences.
- Learn/review basic object vocabulary (chair, table, ball, book).

Duration

10–15 minutes

1. Vocabulary Focus (4 minutes)

Teach or review objects: chair, table, ball, book.

Point to each object and name it.

Say: 'Chair. Chair.' → child repeats.

2. Sentence Practice (4 minutes)

Target structures:

- 'The ball is here.'
- 'The ball is there.'

Teacher shows object close → 'The book is here.'

Teacher moves object far → 'The book is there.'

Child repeats and practices with different objects.

3. Game Time (5 minutes)

- 1 Here/There Game – Place a ball near you and say: 'The ball is here.' Move it farther away and say: 'The ball is there.' Child repeats.
- 2 Pointing Game – Teacher points close and says: 'Here.' Points farther away and says: 'There.' Child copies.
- 3 Hide and Show – Hide an object and place it either close or far. Ask: 'Is it here or there?' Child answers.

4. Closing (2 minutes)

Quick review: 'The chair is here. The chair is there. The ball is here. The ball is there.'

Ask the child to place one object and say whether it is here or there.