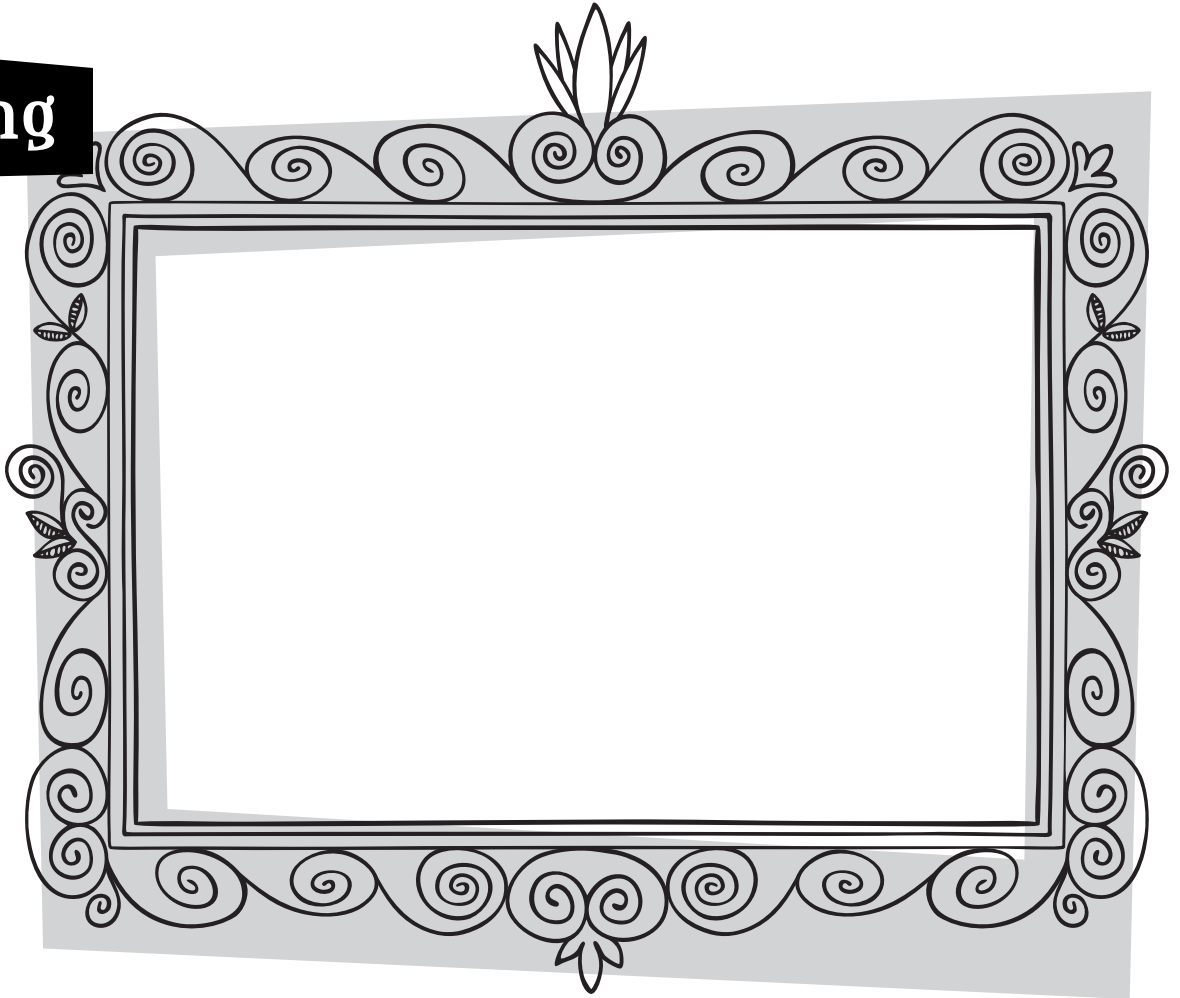


Narrative Skills

Storytelling

Let your child draw a picture of your family in this frame. Ask your child open ended questions—those that cannot be answered by a yes or no— about his/her picture.



Grandma's Glasses

Here are Grandma's glasses,
(Circle eyes with thumbs to fingers)

Here is Grandma's hat.
(Put hands on head)

This is the way she folds her hands
(Fold hands in lap)

And puts them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa's glasses,
(Stretch fingers into bigger circles)

Here is Grandpa's cap.
(Hands make a big hat)

This is the way he folds his arms
(Fold arms over chest)

And sits like that!
(Nod head)

TRY THIS AT HOME:

- While reading a book, stop and give your child time to talk about what is in the book.
- Ask open-ended questions, ones that cannot be answered with yes or no, to help your child learn more about the story.
- Make simple puppets and ask your child to retell his/her favorite story.
- Make up stories with your child and encourage pretend play.



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