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SAY IT AGAIN, KIDS!

Toddlers begin to use language for communicating with others. It also helps them think. They learn to speak primarily through imitating other people. Therefore, it is very important that other people speak correctly around toddlers. This is called "modeling," or being an example to the child. There are basically four reasons to model language for toddlers:

- a. To correct their grammar
- b. To add a new word to their vocabulary
- c. To teach them to say the word correctly
- d. To teach them the correct meaning of the word

In the sentences below, identify the reason for correcting the child's statement by placing the corresponding letter, listed above, next to "Purpose." Then rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. Sentence: "Look! My *foots* are wet.
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
2. Sentence: "See that boy flying a *bird*."
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
3. Sentence: "The car *goes*."
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
4. Sentence: "I *wike* the *fwowers* in the garden."
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
5. Sentence: "Ouch! I just *trippeded*."
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
6. Sentence: "The kitten is *cute*."
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
7. Sentence: "Mommy, why do you *plug* your eyebrows?"
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly:
8. Sentence: "I love *pasketti*!"
Purpose: _____
Rewrite the sentence correctly: