



Describing children's feelings is a powerful way to strengthen their emotion literacy. Once children have emotion language, they can better regulate their own emotions because they can tell you how they feel. From the following list of emotions choose a few that you could comment on when interacting with a child. Combine the verbal emotion words with your facial expressions and use of picture emotions. Slowly add more feeling words and be sure to have a balance of more positive than uncomfortable feeling words. When using uncomfortable emotions combine with a coping emotion word.

Feelings/Emotion Literacy		Goals
hарру	brave	
frustrated	disappointed	
calm	fearful	
proud	loving	
excited	tired	
pleased	energetic	
sad		
helpful		
worried		
confident		
patient		
having fun		
jealous		
forgiving		
caring		
proud		
curious		
angry		
mad		
interested		
embarrassed		

Modeling Feeling Talk and Sharing Feelings

- "I am proud of you for solving that problem." (Show Proud picture.)
- "I am really having fun playing with you." (Show Happy picture.)
- "I was nervous it would fall down, but you were patient, and your plan worked." (Show Nervous picture.)
- "Your friend is so happy that you shared with her."