



### BACKPACKS FILLED WITH A LOVE OF LANGUAGES!

The Språk-kedjans väskor (Language Chain backpacks) project has been produced so that as a parent, you can get some tips on how you and your child can play and work with language. The backpacks are particularly appropriate for children who are experiencing difficulties in their language development and are in contact with a speech therapist.

Each backpack contains games, materials for play, books and tips on games not requiring any special materials. Some of the backpacks also contain a CD with songs or recorded stories and a DVD showing how to use the contents of the backpack.

You can find each backpack in any of the libraries in your municipality.

Contact staff and they will help you locate the backpack you wish to borrow.

There are six different backpacks and in this brochure, you can read about what they focus on. If you are uncertain which backpack is suitable for your child, talk to their speech therapist, preschool teacher, paediatric nurse or children's librarian.

You are welcome to take the games with you and use them, maybe in the playground or while in the car. The most important thing of all is that you and your child have fun together when you use the materials!

If you would like to know more, visit www.regionhalland.se/sprakkedjan



## ALFONS BACKPACK: encourages language interaction

The games and materials in this backpack give you tips on how you and your child can work on expressing feelings, copy each other and talk about various situations they may encounter. Your child can practise waiting their turn when playing games.





## CROW BACKPACK AND SPIDER BACKPACK: helps your child develop a large and varied vocabulary

Using the materials in these backpacks, you and your child can play with words and their meanings. Your child practises learning lots of words, what they mean and how they fit together – in an enjoyable way. To understand what other people are saying or be understood yourself when you are describing or talking about something, you need a large and varied vocabulary. The materials in the Spider backpack aim to create a desire to sort words, divide them into groups, fantasise and make associations. The materials in the Crow backpack allow your child to play with all the small words necessary in a conversation, such as prepositions like on, in, over and under, and opposites.



# EMIL BACKPACK: practises speech sounds, listening and making the right shapes with the mouth

The content of this backpack allows you and your child to listen together to sounds, play with different speech sounds and make different movements with the mouth. This is good for children who need to practise all the sounds necessary for clear speech — at a speech therapist or at home.

#### PIPPI BACKPACK AND BU OCH BÄ BACKPACK:

### practises grammar and word order

With the materials in these backpacks, you and your child can play together with stories and narratives. The child gets to practise retelling stories, singing songs and remembering what you have told them or read. The content of the backpacks helps to strengthen the child's ability to talk about and describe things for themselves, build long sentences and inflect words in various ways.









The project Språk-kedjan – en obruten kedja för alla barns tal- och språkutveckling (Language Chain – an unbroken chain to promote each child's speech and language development) is a collaboration between the Paediatric Team and Culture in Halland – regional library. The methods and materials in the language backpacks were developed by a reference group consisting of a speech therapist, a preschool teacher, three librarians and a paediatric nurse

from Halland, along with project management. The project is owned by Culture in Halland – regional library, and the project managers are Maria Ehde Andersson and Gerd Almqvist Tangen. The project has received financial support from the Swedish Arts Council and Region Halland.



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