

Why not try
this at home..?

Tips and ideas to help
you develop your toddler's
communication skills



Cut me out
and use me when
you say "go"

Play go games in March

Build a tower of bricks together. Encourage your child to wait for you to say "go" before they can knock it down. You could say "ready, steady, go" to help your child to get ready for the go instruction.

You could also:

- Have a race – ready, steady, go.
- Roll a ball to each other – ready, steady, go.
- Throw an object into a box or basket – ready, steady, go.

Make a big fuss of your child when they listen to you, you could say "well done, you really listened". Ask your child if they want to have another go.

Playing games where your child has to wait for the word go, helps them learn to listen and follow instructions which are important skills for talking and listening.

For more ideas and to find the other activity sheets in this series, go to

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Tips ABC

- Choose a letter and say everything you can see that starts with it, for example bed, bin, basket, blue bear. This helps your child tune into sounds.
- When you're out and about, say as many words as you can to describe something, such as the rain. This will help your child learn descriptive words.
- When your child is getting dressed, offer them a choice such as "would you like to wear the red or the blue top?". This encourages your child to use language and have a conversation.



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