

Why not try this at home..?

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



Cut me out and use me in your pretend shop



Play shopping games together in February

Set up a pretend shop with your child. You could use toys, empty packets or even real things from your cupboards. Start with four or five items in your shop (you could slowly add more items as your child learns the game). Ask your child to go and buy something, for example you could say "go and buy an apple and some cheese".

This will help them to learn to remember and recall, plus they'll be learning the name of things. Your child will learn by listening to you and copying what you say.

Tips

- Make the noises of jungle animals, such as a monkey, elephant or snake. By doing this your child is tuning into sounds which helps with their language development.
- Move like an animal such as bouncing like a kangaroo, crawling like a tortoise and slithering like a snake. Talking about the actions helps your child learn doing words.
- Name as many pets as you can think of, to help build up the number of words your child knows.

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