

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 picnic

Have a teddy bears' picnic in July

Children often love adults to play with them. It's great if you can follow their lead and join in the fun. Help your child to find the items for a picnic, such as cups, plates and play food (if you have some). Encourage your child to give the plates and cups out to their toys and teddies and to share out the food. Have fun talking to the toys and sharing the picnic together. As your child plays, you can comment on what they're doing, using or looking at, to help develop their language.

Sharing and interacting with you and the toys at the picnic will help your child to learn how to be better understood. It will also help to develop their imagination and show them how to successfully communicate what they need or want.

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

- Go on a shape hunt while you're out and about or at home, by naming shapes of everyday objects, such as circle, triangle and square. This will help your child learn language for maths.
- Lie on the ground with your child and look at the sky. Describe the clouds you can see, such as large, fluffy and white.
- Hop, skip, balance, climb and crawl to help your child learn doing words.