

Why not try
this at home..?

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



Play Simon Says in September

Have fun with your child by playing Simon Says together. You could play this as your child gets dressed in the morning.

The idea of Simon Says is that your child should only follow instructions if you say Simon Says first. For example if you say "Simon Says put your socks on" your child should put their socks on. If you just say "put your socks on" (without saying "Simon Says" first) your child should ignore you. You could play this game anytime, for example while brushing teeth, having a wash or tidying up.

Helping your child to listen and follow simple instructions lets them know what is happening in their world.

Tips



- Cut shapes in potatoes for your child to dip into paint and print patterns. Can they repeat a pattern with two different designs? Counting and talking about the shapes and patterns will help develop your child's language for maths.
- When you're cleaning your child's teeth talk about opposites, such as up and down, in front and behind, under and over.
- Instead of playing **I spy with my little eye**, play **I hear with my little ear**. Say the noise of something you can see, for example "woof woof" for a dog. Your child can guess what makes that noise.

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