

Why not try
this at home..?

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

Cut me out and use me
as a prize for finding
the noisy object



TIPS

Play Where is that noise? in November

Play a game of musical hide and seek with your child. You could use their favourite musical toy or play music on your mobile phone or iPod. Hide the noisy object somewhere in the room while your child isn't looking. Encourage your child to find the object by using their listening skills. Use praise such as "good listening" to help your child focus on the skill you want them to use.

This game will help your child develop an awareness of sound. This is vital before they can understand and copy the sounds in words.

- Make a telephone by cutting a hole at the bottom of two empty yoghurt pots and join them together with a long piece of string knotted at each end. Stretch the string out and have a conversation.
- Play a memory game by putting a few objects on a tray. Make sure your child knows what they're called before taking one away while they're not looking. See if they can tell you which object is missing. This helps with memory skills for language development.
- Play **I went to the shops and bought**. To do this, use a bag with objects to help your child remember. Take it in turns to add something to the shopping bag and repeat the whole list each time. For example you could say "I went to the shops and bought an apple". Then your child could say "I went to the shops and I bought an apple and some cheese".

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