

One Key Word

Activity ideas to encourage one key word understanding:



Action Games

The simplest way for a child to learn new words is to hear the word and match it to the action the child does e.g. 'At the Park' you could say 'splash', 'jump', 'slide', the possibilities are endless!

Bath Time/ Getting Dressed

This is a great way to teach the names of body parts e.g. 'where's your nose/eyes'. You could also sing a nursery rhyme too, such as 'head, shoulders, knees, and toes. When getting dressed, name your child's body parts again e.g. 'arms up', 'foot in'.



Singing songs

Sing familiar songs routinely and gradually fade out the adult singing the words, add gestures that focus on actions such as 'clap', 'stamp' and 'jump'.

Meal Times

Talk about the food that your child is eating or the objects they are using e.g. 'banana', 'cup', 'eating', 'cutting', 'spoon'.

Small world play

For children 2 years and over, children should be encouraged to match actions with objects e.g. 'reading', 'sleeping', use your child's favourite characters to follow your child's interest.



Feely Bag

Fill a bag with approximately 5 everyday objects/toys e.g. brush, ball, banana, teddy, spoon, book etc. Pull out each of the objects one by one, labelling them as they are taken out of the bag. Allow your child to explore the objects and model what you do with each one for your child.

Tea party

Dolly and teddy sitting either side of the table and some pictures of food/ toy food. Give dolly an 'apple', 'drink', 'cake' etc.



Shopping game

Have a selection of objects, a bag, and a basket for your child to do some 'shopping'. Ask the child to find items of shopping and put it in either the bag or the basket.