

Two Key Words

Activity ideas to encourage two key word understanding:



Modelling

The simplest way for a child to learn new words is to hear the word and match it to the action the child does. Think about what language your child can learn in everyday routines. Keep your comments to **two key words** e.g. 'Bath time' you could say 'mummy splash' vs 'daddy splash'

Find the item

Using a toy such as a Jigsaw, shape sorter etc. Lift out the pieces and encourage the child to **find two items** e.g. 'find ball and duck' etc.



Washing game

At bath-time, or when pretending to bath teddy or dolly, you could give instructions.

"Wash doll's nose"

"Wash duck's tail"



Colouring game

Ask your child to colour parts of the picture. "Colour the face blue" or "colour the eyes red".

Shopping game

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

Transport

Have a car and a train and some places e.g. shops, the park, nursery, church, your house etc. your child has to push the car or the car/train to the place you name e.g. 'push the car to the shop'.



Tea party

Have dolly and teddy sitting either side of the table and some pictures of food or some toy food. Give 'dolly an apple', give 'teddy some cake' etc.

Animals

Have several animals and several items of food. Give the 'dog some biscuits', give the 'elephant a banana'.