

Communication and Language Activities

How things feel

You will need:

- A selection of toys, objects and materials
- A bag

Place all your chosen toys and materials inside the bag. Take out each toy one by one. Talk about the first toy you take out; what is the object and how does it feel?

Then you ask your child to describe each object. Offer suggestions e.g. is it big, small, smooth, spikey, rough, soft?

Keep it simple at first; you don't want to overload them with too many different examples.



Rhyming Activity

You will need:

*A Rhyming book/Flash cards

Use fun and exciting ways of introducing rhyming. You could use simple books that interest your child. Do they understand what rhyming means? Maybe offer some simple rhyming words and say them out loud slowly and clearly to see if they understand which ones rhyme.

If they can do this perhaps you can ask them if they can make up their own rhyming words.

pen	men
win	bin
sand	band
bag	rag
moat	goat
dish	wish
ring	sing
main	pain
meet	greet

Hide the toy

You will need:

*Toys

*Hiding Places

Take a few of your children's toy; show them what you are taking and explain to them you are going to hide them. Hide them in sight of children and then ask them if they can tell you where they are?



This is a great way to improve communication skills and extend their vocabulary.

Make sure you get involved with this activity; give your child clues and let them take the lead.

Family photos / Memory Box

You will need:

- Family photos
- A box



Can your child name family members in the photos? Talk with your child about how they are related to you. Then see if they have understood this by asking them questions.

Maybe create a memory box with photos of your child and people who are special to them. Ask your child who they want to be in their memory box and who is special to them. Are there any items they want included in their memory box?

Then bury this box together in a special place.

More advanced children could make a family tree with the pictures. This will help them learn about family and relationships.