



Turn Taking



These games are for introducing the idea of turn taking.

'Cuckoo Cherry Tree...'

For this activity, you will need a ball or something that can be rolled to and fro. Depending on how many people participate, either make a small circle or sit in front of your child, leaving a small gap.

Sing the rhyme, 'Cuckoo, cherry tree roll the ball to...' before rolling the ball to that person.

Building towers

Walk around your house and garden and look for a selection of different objects, big/small, different shapes, etc. Once you have a selection, place them in a pile in front of you and your child. Adult first chooses an object and places it onto the floor, saying "My turn" before encouraging your child to choose an object to place on top, saying, "Now your turn." Continue to take turns to build a tower and as you build, talk about the colours, shapes, height, number of objects.

Adult do not worry if you are doing all the talking as you describe the tower you are giving your child the ideas of new words and concepts!

Learning to Listen

These activities are for introducing the idea of listening to the different noises around us.

Listening walk

For this activity, take your child out into the garden and encourage them to sit and listen to the different noises. Your child may need a prompt, so encourage them by saying, "Listen, what can you hear? I can hear the birds, can you?"

Remember, if there is no noise, say how quiet it is today, as it is important to be able to listen to silence as it is to noise!

What noise does it make?

Place 3 or 4 items on the floor and cover them up. One by one, pull an item out and talk about it, describing what it looks like and the noise it might make.

Copy Cats

Encourage your child to copy actions you do, such as "I can clap my hands can you?"

Once your child is able to copy one action you do, try extending it by doing two or more actions, such as, "I can clap my hands, then nod my head and then tap my knees. Can you do that now?"

Time to get messy

Shaving Foam

This is a simple yet very fun activity!

All you need to do is squirt some shaving foam onto a tray or into a large bowl. Then encourage your child to explore the foam with their hands. As they explore and investigate the foam, encourage your child to describe what it feels like.

Once your child has had sufficient time to explore and investigate the foam, encourage them to use their hands and fingers to make to explore their mark making skills. As they make their different marks and patterns, encourage your child to talk about their marks and what they might represent.

You can even add whisks, spoons, forks, etc., to the foam so that your child can further explore their mark making.