

Home activity ideas – no printer required!

Language

- Prepositions - set up an obstacle course and tell your child what they need to do to complete it, for example, 'go under the blanket, over the chair...'. See if they can tell you what they did afterwards.
- Sentence building - take pictures/videos on your phone or tablet of the activities that you and your family are doing. Look back through them and encourage your child to make a sentence about each one, reminding them to include a subject/verb/object/is/pronoun, for example 'Charlie is drawing a picture' 'mummy is cutting the carrots'.
- Past tense - take pictures/videos on your phone or tablet of the activities that you and your family are doing. Look back through them and encourage your child to make a sentence about each one, reminding them to use their -ed ending or the irregular past tense ending, for example, 'I drew a picture' 'we baked a cake'.
- Narrative – take pictures/videos on your phone or tablet during the activities that you and your family are doing. Use them to help your child re-tell the activity using first/next/then, for example, 'first we weighed the ingredients, next we mixed them in bowl, then we poured the mixture into a tin'.

Vocabulary

- I Spy - instead of giving the first sound, describe the item/object by its use/category/features, for example, 'I spy with my little eye, something round and green that you can eat'

Speech

- Child collects items from around the house beginning with their target sound (may need help with this, dependent on age/awareness). Put them in a bag/box and practice saying the word as you pull each item out. If they are working on using their words in phrases, encourage them to use a describing word before it, e.g. 'fluffy cat' or 'brown cat'. Alternatively, play hide & seek with these items or 'feed' them to a puppet. You could also cut out pictures from a catalogue/magazine instead of using objects.

Writing

- Keep a daily diary in an exercise book or notebook. As simple or detailed as appropriate for your child.
- Write a letter to a family member, friend, doctor, nurse, or someone in a care home.