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Play is young children's learning and children learn best through first-hand experiences by trying things for themselves.

You will know your child's levels of concentration and language best and you need to adapt all these activities to meet their developmental stage and interests.

Letters and Sounds: For three- and four-year olds. Animal Sounds

Together select a favourite book and talk about all the animals in the story. Together use household objects to match to the sound of the animals. Name the objects, talk about the sounds, and how the sounds are made. As you read the story, encourage your child to listen for the animal names and make the sound for each animal.

You will be helping your child to develop a wider vocabulary, to talk about and listen to different sounds, to match sounds, to use sounds creatively to represent characters and to express an opinion about what they know.



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Straight- and Curved-Line Detective

Playing this game outside will help children to learn more about straight and curved lines. Together look very carefully at two leaves. Talk about all the straight lines you can see on the leaves. Talk about the curved lines. Are there more straight lines than curved lines? Who can find the leaf with the most straight lines? Compare the front and the back of the leaves. How are the leaves the same? What is different?

This will help your child to develop observational skills. For older children, model the words stem, stalk, veins and together try to identify the name of the plant.



Listening and Doing

Play this game to help develop your child's listening and understanding skills.

Give your child simple instructions and see how many he or she can remember such as "Find me a plate." It can range from finding one object to lots of objects such as "Find me a knife, a fork and a spoon," or "Find me a wooden spoon, a metal fork and a plastic knife." Do not forget 'The put everything away' instruction. Tidying up is part of learning.

You can play this game throughout the day as your child helps you with household tasks. You can help your child's talking by following their instructions.

Number Rhyme 1 2 3 4 5

This number rhyme helps children to learn to recite number names and is ideal for creating a movement game. Encourage slow tiptoeing towards the greedy crocodile and then lots and lots of running to avoid being caught for dinner!

Greedy Crocodile

I am a greedy crocodile
Sparkling teeth and charming smile
Come too near and in a while
You will be my dinner

One, two, three, four, five
One, two, three, four, five
One, two, three SNAP, SNAP
Now I have had my dinner.



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