

## Home Learning 20

Play is young children's learning. Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to your child's overall development. Every time you play and talk with your child you are helping their development.

**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.**



### Number Rhyme: Here Is the Beehive

Here is the beehive.  
Where are the bees?  
Hidden away where nobody sees.  
Watch and you will see them come out of the  
hive,  
One, two, three, four, five.  
Bzzzzzzzz..... all fly away!

This number rhyme helps children to learn to recite number names and to count to five. Use your hands to make a hive and then slowly lift a finger as you say the number names.



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### Vegetable Sorting

This activity will give your children lots of opportunities to learn about size, shape, weight, colour, texture and healthy foods. You might do this as you put away shopping together. Look at two vegetables and compare what is the same and what is different. Talk about which vegetable is the biggest? Which vegetable is the lightest? How many different colours you can see? Add another vegetable and talk about what is the same and what is different. Add more vegetables and find ways to group the vegetables together.



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### Letters and Sound Phase One: For three- and-four-year olds.

**'Noisy Neighbour'** This game helps children to distinguish between sounds and to remember a sound pattern. You will be helping your child to learn a wider vocabulary.

Tell a simple story about a noisy neighbour. Begin with: "Early one morning, everyone was fast asleep, (close your eyes and pretend to sleep) when all of a sudden they heard a sound from the house next door."

Make a sound such as snoring, brushing teeth, munching cornflakes, yawning, stamping feet or washing. Continue with: "Wake up children. What's that noise?"

Take it in turns to identify the sound and then join in with: "Noisy neighbour, please be quiet. We are trying to sleep."

Repeat the simple story line with another sound. Encourage your child to add their own ideas to the story about the noisy neighbour.



### Sock Balls

For this game you need a large container such as a washing up bowl and a pair of socks. Roll a pair of socks into a ball. For babies play hide and seek by hiding the ball behind your back or pass the ball back and forwards between you. Does your ball roll? Can you roll the ball back and forwards to each other?

For older children use the bowl as a target to throw the ball into. Create more challenge by standing further away. Can you lift the ball with your feet and place it in the bowl? As you bowl together, describe what you and your child are doing whenever you can rather than 'it' or 'one'. As you play together your child is learning to develop their physical control, new words and to take-turns.

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