



5 TOYS & ACTIVITIES THAT  
ENCOURAGE

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# LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

# MUSIC



Music encourages children to hum and sing along. These are important foundation language skills.

Use musical instruments as you sing a part of a familiar song and have your child complete it.

For example, Old McDonald had a ....., E I E I O!

You can work on loud/soft or slow/fast concepts.

# CARS, TRAINS AND TRACKS

Toys like race tracks are great for routine phrases. Use words like 'ready, set, go!' and 'one, two, three.' Model each phrase many times and use a sing-song voice.



## Farm set



Farm play is an excellent way to practice language. You can work on imitation, animal sounds, following instructions, action labels (eating, drinking) and positional concepts like in/on/under/behind.



# Kitchen and Food Toys



Kitchen and food toys are great for vocabulary concepts. Focus on colours, shapes and sizes. Who has more? Who has less? Work on answering questions or asking for different food/drink.

# Dolls

Plain dolls are a great way to encourage speech and language with both boys and girls. Work on labelling clothing and body parts. Practice feelings and emotions when the baby is hungry or sick!

