

TOP 5 COMMON TOYS



TODDLERS

<p>PLAY: Race car freeze</p> <p>Play music as you drive your cars all over furniture and objects when the music stops, you and your car freeze.</p> <p>SAY: By showing!</p> <p>Stress key concepts: Opposites: start/stop; move/freeze; fast/slow; up/down; bumpy/smooth;</p> <p>Key strategy: <u>Join in and play</u> for learning and engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Listening ✓ Key vocabulary concepts ✓ Self-regulation 	<p>PLAY: Builder Buddies</p> <p>Using tongs (or a large spoon) to pick up each block and take turns passing them to you to help build a tower or putting the blocks in a muffin tray or dump truck.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Stress key concepts: My/your turn, in/out, more blocks/all gone, good sharing, where?</p> <p>Key Strategy: Turn Taking – take turns with the tongs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fine motor ✓ Basic concepts ✓ Turn taking 	<p>PLAY: Goodnight Teddy</p> <p>Make a bed or cubby for the soft toys and tuck them in to bed—sing lullabies, give them a bottle, kiss, hug, pat them to sleep.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Key vocabulary: Pillow, mattress, sheet, blanket, bottle, dummy, lamp, night night.</p> <p>Key strategy: Sing a bedtime song</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cause and effect ✓ Verbs ✓ Gross motor 	<p>PLAY: Tea Variety</p> <p>Find soft toys to sit on chairs and put different tea ingredients in bowls to spoon into the cups. Think salt tea, dirt tea, leaf tea, stick tea, paper tea...</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Key Vocabulary: hot/cold; yucky/yummy; lots/little; small/big; stir slowly/quickly</p> <p>Smart Question: Would you like a cup of stick tea?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pretend play ✓ Descriptive vocabulary ✓ Sensory play 	<p>PLAY: Surprise Dough</p> <p>Hide different small objects (figurines, lego piece, pom pom, rock, matchboxcar) inside the playdough ball and let them dig to discover.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Key vocabulary: dig, rip, squish, hiding, surprise</p> <p>Key strategy: <u>Repeat</u> what you say as they play then <u>wait</u> for them to say it back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fine motor ✓ Cause and effect ✓ Verbs
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PRESCHOOLERS

<p>PLAY: Mechanic Workshop</p> <p>Set up a mechanic’s workshop and have your tools ready to fix all types of vehicles.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Smart Comment: I think the engine is broken because when I turn the key, the car won’t start.</p> <p>Smart Questions: <u>How much</u> will it cost to fix? <u>How long</u> will it take?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Asking questions ✓ Explanations ✓ Pretend play 	<p>PLAY: Build a City</p> <p>Create a city with buildings (apartments, school, hospital, bakery), roads and add or make residents to live there!</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Smart Comment: <u>I think</u> this city needs a public pool and a dog park.</p> <p>Smart Question: <u>How can I tell</u> which building is the hospital?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Opinions ✓ Explanations 	<p>PLAY: Vet Surgery</p> <p>Set up a vet surgery to assist injured animals with medical treatment.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Smart Comment: “Hello Vet. My dog is <u>injured</u>. Could you <u>examine</u> him please?”</p> <p>Smart Question: “Sure! <u>How</u> did this happen?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pretend play ✓ Explanations ✓ Asking questions 	<p>PLAY: Mad Hatter Tea Party</p> <p>Make or find crazy hats and invite your family or toys to a tea party with a twist. Think flower tea, ant sandwiches, jelly belly biscuits.</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Smart Words: peculiar, repulsive, mad (crazy)</p> <p>Key Strategy: Set up with real and pretend objects; join in, play and say; then fade away.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gross motor ✓ Tier 2 vocabulary ✓ Pretend play 	<p>PLAY: Dinner Party</p> <p>Set the table for a party and then create plates of food with playdough (peas, sausages, pie) .</p> <p>SAY:</p> <p>Add meaningful print: Make invitations, menu and/or place cards for each person or stuffed toy at the dinner party.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Print awareness ✓ Vocabulary ✓ Categorisation
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