

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

Following Instructions - 2 Key Words

The following activities will give your child the opportunity to practise following spoken instructions that contain two key words.

Activities -

- **Action Game:** Use 2 different toys, e.g. teddy and dolly. Request the child to make toys carry out actions: 'make dolly sleep' 'make teddy jump' 'make teddy walk' 'make dolly sit' etc.
- **Objects Game:** Use 2 different toys and a variety of objects e.g. hair brush, sponge, book, pretend food, small cup. Give your child instructions to carry out an action on one of the toys: 'brush dolly' (hair brush) 'wash teddy' (sponge) 'make teddy read' (book) 'make teddy eat' (food) 'make dolly drink' (cup) etc.
- **Washing Game:** Use 2 different toys and a sponge/cloth. Ask your child to wash different parts of the toys' bodies: 'wash teddy's nose' 'wash dolly's foot' 'wash dolly's ears' 'wash teddy's hands' etc.
- **Shopping Game:** Use 2 different toys and gather together some pretend food items. Play a shopping game where your child has all the shopping items in their basket. Ask the child to share the food with the toys: 'give the apple to teddy' 'give the cake to teddy' 'give the egg to dolly' 'give the carrot to teddy' etc.
- **Posting Game:** Play a posting game where your child has to find two pictures to post into a box or container. Display a range of picture cards in front of your child and ask them to find two objects: 'find the car and the tree' 'find the boots and the teddy' etc.

Whilst playing these games, you can also give your child an opportunity to say what they want you to do, or to describe what they are doing, so they get practice at using these small sentences themselves.