

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

Word Games to Support Language Development

Some children will benefit from playing games to support their language development.

Some games include -

- **Shopping Game:** I went shopping and I bought a (use with different word categories - variations such as I went on holiday and I saw etc.).
- **Word Association:** Each person says a word which is linked to the word said before (e.g. cup, spoon, fork).
- **Categories:** Make cards with category names on. Roll a dice, the child says that number of words belonging to the category.
- **Snap:** Use picture cards and turn them over one by one. The child says 'snap' if they can say how the words are linked in some way.
- **Rhythm round:** Choose a category e.g. 'things to eat' then everyone does clap, clap, tap, tap (on knees) and a child volunteers a word to fit in that category. Continue until every child has thought of a word from that category, and then change it.
- **Feely bags:** Put some objects in a bag for the child to pull out and describe and guess the object
- **20 questions:** The child asks 20 questions to try and work out what the adult is thinking of. (Questions can relate to size, colour, category etc.).