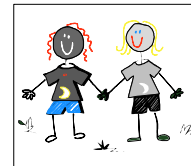


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Tea-time Talk

A simple tea set is an essential part of any child's playbox. There are so many skills that can be developed, such as, sharing out cups and plates, pretending to pour cups of tea and, of course, developing language skills. You can always add in some tasty treats if a little motivation is needed. Or if the weather's nice, go outdoors for a Teddy Bear's picnic.

Whatever stage of communication your child is at, there are lots of ways to model early language.

Make some noise! – remember to use gesture and facial expression

“Mmmm...”

“Yum, yum”

“Yuk!”

Use single words – comment on objects and actions

“cup”

“more”

“pouring”

“juice”

“gone”

Put two words together – match what your child says and add one more word

“my cup”

“more biscuit”

“pouring tea”

“all gone”

Short phrases – starting to sentence build

“more biscuits for Daddy”

“pouring Teddy's juice”

“Mummy's tea all gone”

Have Fun 😊