

52 Things to Support your Child's

Speech and Language Skills.



What is it? 

Magic Bag

'Magic Bag' is a really simple but effective language development activity that can be adapted to a range of ages and only needs some everyday objects and a bag. It is that simple!

Collect some everyday items and talk about what they are. Describe them with your child e.g.

Teddy Bear - It is soft and has fur. You can give it a cuddle. Once you have described it place the items in the 'Magic Bag'. Ask your child to close their eyes and put their hand in the bag to feel the items. They are to choose one, feel it and describe it to you so that you can guess what they have found. The child if possible shouldn't say what the item is but give you enough clues so that you can guess.

You can use any bag (or a box) but a drawstring is preferable so that they can't see the items and it makes it a little more exciting! You can even decorate it with your child to make it more personal - perhaps add some stars to make it 'Magical!'



Make it easier:

Only use 2 items that are very familiar to the child. You can also ask closed ended questions for the child to answer e.g. 'Is it hard or soft?' 'Does it have wheels?'

Make it harder:

Place an object in the bag that you haven't discussed and ask them to describe it. If this is a real challenge keep going with this but ask them 'Yes' and 'No' questions relating to the object to support with their explanation.

Activity 30: brought to you by SISS SLCD Team

