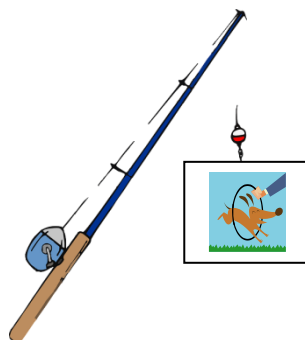
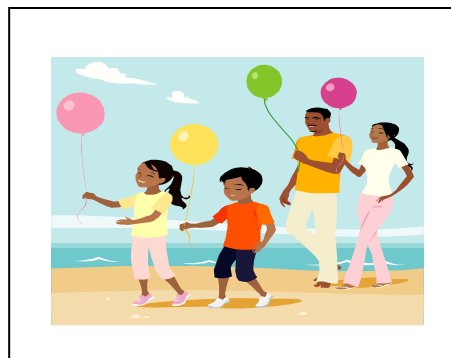


Building Sentences // Age 2 - 3

Looking at pictures together

Share pictures with the child and ponder about what's happening. For example, "oh! let's have a look.... I wonder what's happening here... look!", then leave an expectant pause to give your child an opportunity to describe the picture if they are ready to. If they're not ready to, you can describe the picture for them, e.g. 'The boy is riding a bike'. Then leave a pause as they might want to repeat after you. This is a good way of encouraging your child to describe pictures without the pressure to do so.



Games to play with pictures

Make a postbox out of a cereal box and get the child to tell you what is happening in the pictures and then post them.

Hide the pictures around the room and get the child to find them and then tell you what is happening.

Play fishing games by using a magnet and attaching paper clips to pictures. Your child has to "fish" for a picture and tell you what is happening.

Adding to what your child has said, for example:

Child: 'Car!'

Adult: 'Yes – a **blue** car!', or 'You're **driving** the car!'

Child: 'look big dog!'

Adult: 'oh yes, the big dog's **eating/running...**'

