

Understanding Language // Aged 2 ½ - 3 ½

The following activities are all based on developing your child's understanding at a **three** word level

Shopping game

This will help your child to consistently remember **three** items. Set up a pretend shop using toys and other objects. Take it in turns to be the shopkeeper. The other person tells the shopkeeper **three** items on their shopping list. The shopkeeper has to find the objects and put them in the bag/basket. Use a picture shopping list and repetition to help at the beginning but gradually move towards just giving the instruction once with no visual clues



Action Game

Place a few toys/objects in front of your child and a box and a bag across the room. Give the following types of instruction:

- “Pick up the **cup**, **hop** to the **box** and put it in”
- “Pick up the **car**, **walk** to the **bag** and put it in”
- “Pick up the **teddy** and the **car** and put them in the **yellow** box” etc.

Tickling Game

Ask your child to **tickle**, **touch** or **kiss** different parts of teddy's/dolly's/your body.
 e.g., “tickle teddy's tummy”
 “kiss dolly's nose”
 “touch mummy's/daddy's toes”, etc.

