

Understanding Language // Aged 2 – 2 ½ years

These games aim to develop understanding at a **two** key word level.

Shopping game

This game will help your child to consistently remember two items. Set up a pretend shop using the toys and other objects. Take it in turns to be the shopkeeper. The other person tells the shopkeeper **two** 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 lots of repetition to help at the beginning but gradually move towards just giving the instruction once with no visual clues



Ball Game

To play this game, you need three or four players. Nominate someone as the 'caller' (an adult to start off with). Everyone stands in a circle. The Caller tells whoever has the ball to either **kick** it or **throw** it to **someone** in the circle, e.g. **throw** the ball to **daddy**, **kick** the ball to **James**, etc.

Tea Party

Ask your child to help set up the tea party by telling them what to give to who, e.g. 'give **dolly** a **cup**', 'give **mummy** a **plate**', etc. You can then do the same when giving out food, 'give a **crisp** to **dolly**', 'give a **biscuit** to **daddy**', etc.

