

Toy Bags

Toy Bags are an exciting way to introduce children to objects and toys and their names. You can fill the bags with a range of toys and objects depending on what vocabulary you are focusing on. You could fill them with a range of toys which have an associated noise.

How to use a toy bag

- 1) Choose a few objects/toys to focus on and place them in a bag.
- 2) Encourage the child to take objects out of the bag one by one and talk about it. Make any sounds linked with your toy, e.g. “brmm” for a car, “moo” for a cow. Follow the child’s lead and play with the object. You may want to show them the action that usually goes with a particular object. For example, the child may bang a brush: show them how to brush their hair as well.
- 3) Listening game: Choose toys which have a sound associated with them. Pull out 2 objects and make the sound associated with one of them, for example ‘ring ring’ for telephone, ‘ssss’ for snake. Decide together which one makes which sound.
- 4) You could take it in turns to take objects out of the bag. If there are other children this game could be extended by passing the bag around a circle with music on. When the music stops an object could be pulled out of the bag.
- 5) You could play this as a game with a group of children where you pass the bag around the group and sing a “magic bag” song – when the song finishes the child holding the bag gets to look inside and choose a toy.



Toys/objects

Dog
 Phone
 Cow
 Sheep
 Cat
 Car
 Clock
 Snake
 Train

Associated noise

Woof
 Ring ring
 Moo moo
 Baa
 Meow
 Brum brum
 Tick tock
 Sssssss
 Choo choo



Some toys for learning what objects do:

Brush	Keys
Flannel	Cup
Phone	Spoon

