

Why not try  
this at home..?

**Tips and ideas** to help  
you develop your toddler's  
communication skills



## Make a noisy treasure box together

Find a box (you might be able to get one from your local shop) and fill it with lots of things that make different noises. You could use crinkly paper, toys that make noises, pots and pans, musical instruments, books with noise buttons and anything else you can find. As you collect the items, explore, listen and talk about them with your child before you put them into the box.

Use the box of noisy items to play listening games together. Such as, making a noise with an object and asking your child to guess what it is. It's good for children to tune into sounds and be able to tell noises apart. You can take it in turns to share the game, this will help your child to learn to communicate socially as we all take turns in our conversations with others.

## Tips



- Put some objects, such as a plastic bottle or sponge, in the bath and talk about what floats and sinks. Encouraging your child to guess what will happen helps them to predict.
- Wave a scarf and dance to music. Use describing words such as fast and slow.
- As you wash your child's face, name their eyes, nose, cheeks, chin, ears and neck.

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