

Feed The Puppet

You will need

Object picture cards or real objects.

How to play

Lay out five items (pictures or objects) and name them for the children. Introduce your puppet and tell them that he loves to eat funny things. Get the puppet to whisper in your ear and say to each child, e.g. "Harry, he wants a book."

Let the child fetch the item and feed it to the puppet. The puppet can then gobble it up.

If the child does not get the right object, close the puppet's mouth and say in a fun way "He doesn't want the...he wants the book." You can help the child understand by using a gesture as well, e.g. hold your hands out as if reading a book.

Some children can get frightened if the puppet is too unpredictable or makes too sudden a movement, so introduce him as a friendly puppet.

To encourage and develop

Understanding, taking turns and attention and listening.



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General strategies for children with language needs

Give your child time to respond once you have made a request.

Give lots of praise if they find the right picture or have attempted to find the right picture.

Use lots of repetition, emphasis and gesture, especially when introducing a new word to your child. This will help them remember the word.

To develop this activity try

Once the child is familiar with this game, get the puppet to ask for the object he wants by describing its function, e.g. "He wants something he can read." When the child finds the correct object, encourage them to mime out the action.

If the child has difficulty identifying the correct object, mime the object out for them, so you are giving them a visual clue.

