

# Words in Play Routines



## General Guidelines for Early Language

- Model, model model
- Watch and follow your child
  - Repeat routines
- Focus on actions/ verbs

**Core words:** Learn the signs for these common words so your child can use the sign/gesture if they are not able to say the word.

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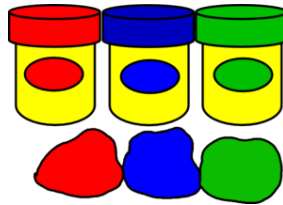
Play

My turn

**Tip:** If you are having trouble getting your child's attention, try this:

- Get down at eye level
- Get close to your child
- Give directions (Look at me, Look at my face)
- Hold a toy near your face/mouth
- If the above don't work, withhold objects while you want them to look at you. Give the object back when they look at you and try to repeat you.

# PLAYDOUGH



## Some activities to try

- Make food items
- Take turns using a tool (plastic knife, roller, object to print)
- Make animals/ toys (look up a picture on google/kiddle)
- Roll a ball and throw it back and forth

## Verbs

Model while your child is doing the action. If they continually do the same action, you can introduce different ideas and have them copy.

Cut      Push      Pull      Poke      Squeeze      Roll  
Hide    Throw    Make (a ball, a snake, a pizza, a pancake, etc...)

## 2-word combinations

I roll      You make      Push fast      Blue dough

Yellow dough      My dough      Cut more

More dough      Big pizza      Little snake

## CARS



### Some activities to try

- Move fast and slow, left and right, forward and back
- Move cars around the room - on the table, up your leg
- Play hide and seek around the room with your cars
- Make car noises (e.g., vroom vroom, beep!)
- Hide cars in a bag and have your child guess what color will come out next.
- Put cars in a bucket with other items and cover with beans, sand, or water. Then have your child feel and touch to pull them out, saying the name of the item as they find it.

### Verbs

Roll    Drive    Jump    Go    Stop    Push    Hide

### Location Words

In    Out    Up    Down    Over    Under    Across

### 2-word combinations

Car in    Roll up    Car go    More car

Red car    Car vroom-vroom    My car