

BusyBugs Play and Talk Program

Busy Body Activity 1. Mr Potato Head



This popular toy can be used in so many ways to help your child's speech development...and best of all, he's fun!

Adult's job:



Toddlers learn best when we talk simply. Use short phrases, not long sentences. As your toddler gets older, you can adjust your sentences.

Toddler's job:



Your toddler is hearing the words you are saying and linking them with the pictures. With repetition, your BB will begin to try and say the words or phrases.

What you need:

- Mr Potato Head toy

What you do:

1. Sit on the floor together.
2. Let your BB look at the body parts and clothes.
3. When your BB picks up a piece, name it. Pause and see if she copies you. If she does, praise her.
4. Show her how to put the pieces onto the 'potato'. Say "hat", "put it on"
5. Ask "Where's ...(a hat/the shoes etc)?" If your BB has trouble, hold out 2 different items and ask her again.



"glasses on"



"where's a hat?"

Adult says:

eyes
Put it on
blue hat

arm
Where's the shoes?
What next?

hat on
push
all finished

in
In there

Keep it simple! Use 1-3 words at a time.