

BusyBugs Play and Talk Program

Busy Body Activity 3. Playdough Faces



You can create anything with playdough! In this activity we use it to help your toddler learn the parts of the face. Why not carry on and make a body as well?

Adult's job:

Toddler's job:

Say what's happening

Talking about what is happening right now helps your BB connect words to actions and objects.

Make a face

Recreating a familiar item will help your BB learn the parts of the object, and will foster problem-solving and creativity skills.

What you need:

- Playdough - buy or make your own
- A mirror

What you do:

1. Sit together at a small table
2. Together, look at your BB's face in the mirror and talk about the parts of her face eg. "Here's your nose".
3. Show her the same part on your face - "mummy's nose"
4. Get out the playdough and say "Let's make a face"
5. Talk about what you are doing as you get the playdough ready - "roll", "squash"
6. Help your child put on each part of the face - "two eyes". Look in the mirror if your BB needs help remembering the parts.

"roll playdough"



"eyes on"

"all finished!"



Adult says:

roll playdough
Put it on
soft

cut
squash it
"What's missing?"

make a circle
flat
green eyes

hair on
make a mouth
all finished

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