

# Let's point!



This game is to help your child learn to point on request. Pointing is an important first step in communication. It shows you that your child has understood. Remember children's understanding develops before they can talk and pointing is a good way of making sure your child is understanding.

This game will also help your child listen, look and to understand that pictures can represent real life things.

To play this game you will need the pictures attached, a bag and your child's favourite soft toy that has body parts to point to. Cut out the pictures and look at them with your child. Label them using simple language, e.g. 'look, eyes' 'Here's a mouth'...

Show your child these body parts on yourself and on their soft toy. Your child may want to look in the mirror to see the body parts on themselves.

Mix the pictures up and place them in the bag. Let your child choose a picture. Ask them to name it and to point to that body part on their soft toy. If they don't know the word, model it for them.

## Keeping focussed

Make sure you keep your child's attention by making the activity fun and keeping it interesting using anticipation, e.g. "Wow, what have I got.....?" Keep the game short and sweet if they are struggling to remain focussed.



## Variations:

To make this game easier, reduce the number of picture cards to focus on fewer words.

To make this game harder, add extra words e.g. 'Point to Mummy's nose'.

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