Poor Sam

This game is to help your child learn to understand and use ‘can’t’ in his or her talking. This game will also help your child understand ‘why’ questions.

You will need the pictures attached to play this game. All the pictures show poor Sam. He can’t do lots of things. Place the pictures in a pile face down in front of your child. Take turns at turning a picture over and saying what Sam can’t do and why he can’t do it,

e.g. ‘Poor Sam can’t swim because there is no water in the pool.’

You could ask your child if they can perform the action that Sam can’t do. Remember to let your child be teacher and give you some of the actions to do.

Variations:

To make this game easier just ask your child to say what Sam can’t do.

To make this game harder ask your child how Sam’s problem could be fixed,

e.g. Child: ‘Poor Sam can’t swim cos there is no water in the pool.’
Adult: ‘What does he need to do?’
Child: ‘He needs to get a hose and fill the pool up.’
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