Vanishing Toys

This game is to help your child learn the words ‘not’ and ‘no’.

To play this game you will need some everyday objects from around the house, e.g. a cup, book, spoon, doll, brick, orange and something to cover them. The game is similar to ‘Kim’s’ game.

Before you start make sure your child recognises all the objects. Place the towel or cloth on the table or floor and put a few objects under it. Try not to let your child see them as you do this. Then take the cloth away and let your child look at the objects. Ask your child to tell you what the objects are. Then cover them again and take one away without showing your child. Take the cloth off and ask your child, ‘What’s not here?’ Encourage your child to use ‘not’ and ‘no’ in their answers e.g. ‘The cat’s not there’, ‘There’s no flower’ etc.

You may need to help your child by giving clues such as ‘it’s got wheels and a blue light’.

Remember to let your child be the teacher and to put some things under the cloth for you to try to remember. See if your child can spot your mistakes.

Variations:

To make this game easier use just two objects.

To make this game harder use more objects.