This game is to help your child learn action words and how each action word changes depending on when the action is completed i.e. past and present tense.

You will need a teddy or another soft toy to play this game.

Ask your child to make the toy do simple actions,

e.g. ‘Make teddy run.’ or ‘Make teddy jump.’

If your child finds this hard you may have to demonstrate the different actions and get him or her to copy you.

While your child is making Teddy complete each action ask ‘What is Teddy doing?’

When your child has completed each action ask them ‘What did Teddy just do?’

Encourage your child to use the correct words, e.g. Teddy is jumping
Teddy jumped

Variations:

To make this game easier work on action words that have regular past tense, e.g. jumped, walked, hopped, climbed

To make this game harder introduce more difficult action words that have different words for past tense e.g. ate, slept, ran, swam, threw