

Doing housework

Why do housework together?

Make housework less of a chore and get speech and language practice in at the same time. These routine, everyday jobs give lots of opportunities to help your child.

How to make doing housework helpful: 5 quick tips

1. Chatter whilst you work

“Mop, mop, mop the floor” “A jumper, another jumper, a tie...”

Use playful talk to turn dull chores into happy word learning moments.

2. Tidy up together

“The fruit goes in the bowl please.” “Let’s get all the cars in the garage!”

Talking about sorting builds your child’s word knowledge!

3. Guess what it is?

“I thought I bought a... big, round, yellow fruit? You found it, thanks! The melon!”

Make unpacking the shopping exciting with clues that spark new word learning.

4. Practice location words (e.g. next to, behind, under) whilst finding lost items

“Peek under the sofa – is the remote hiding there?”

It’s frustrating when things go missing in the house! Why not turn it into a treasure hunt game and help your little detective learn location words.

5. Tune little ears into tricky sounds

“Let’s match socks! I have a blue sock; can you find the other blue sock?”

“The dolls go in there – the big doll, the pink doll... lots of dolls go in the basket!”

Does your child find some sounds tricky to say? Say words with those sounds again and again as you chat through chores!

