



Chatting about pretend shopping

What you can do

Write or draw a shopping list; put prices on toys

Toys – pretend you are the shop keeper and ask your child what they would like to buy (having a selection of toys arranged in front of them). Take turns. Use familiar phrases repetitively so your child can join in

What you can talk about

Clothes/shoes. Take it in turns to be the shopkeeper/shopper and try on various clothes (scarves/hats/shoes), giving reasons why they are not right/why you like them

Use lots of phrases repetitively so your child gets to learn them and can join in. e.g.

- 'Hello Madam/Sir, what would you like to buy today?'
- 'I would like to buy a
- 'I need it because.....I've lost my old one/my old one has broken/I've always wanted a x' etc.
- 'What about this one?'
- 'These shoes are no good becausethey are too small/big/dirty/scruffy/the heel is too high/too low/I don't like the colour/I already have some black shoes' etc.
- 'I'll take it thank you'
- 'How much is it?'
- 'That will be £10 please'