



Chatting when you are colouring a picture

What you can do

Let your child choose a picture for both of you to colour

Take it in turns to colour parts of the picture and chat about what you are doing, e.g. 'I'm colouring the wellies dark blue'.

'I love the way you've coloured the boy's hair green'

'Shall I colour the nose or the eyes next?' etc

Make up a story together about the picture

- **What you need** – picture, paper, pencils, crayons, pens, rubber
- **Colours** – basic: red, blue, yellow, green etc
– less familiar: turquoise, amber, violet
– light, dark

Language for thinking: Discuss what you are drawing as you create the picture using words such as : think, wonder, recognise, know, want, like, prefer

What you can talk about

What you are doing
– colouring, drawing, shading, scribbling, choosing, thinking, deciding, taking turns, sharing

Parts of the page – top, bottom, middle, edge, corner

The picture – what you can see, what might be happening

Make believe: talk about all the characters and the places in your story as you draw it

