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Mystery Items

Collect an assortment of toys in a shoe box. Pick an item out of box. Have your child tell you what the item is and how your child might use the item. It is OK if your child doesn't know what the item is or makes up an interesting story about the item. Encourage your child by asking questions and pointing out different details about the item.

I Spy Box

Look in the mystery box and play I SPY. Take turns saying, "I spy with my little eye..." and let your child to spy or direct you in spying. The items in the box can be used for inspiration. See if your child can find matching items in the room or similar colors from the I SPY box somewhere else in the room.

Question Jar

Write down a list of questions and cut the questions apart and place them in a jar or container. Ask your child to pull out one question. Read the question out loud and have your child answer.

Bingo Cards

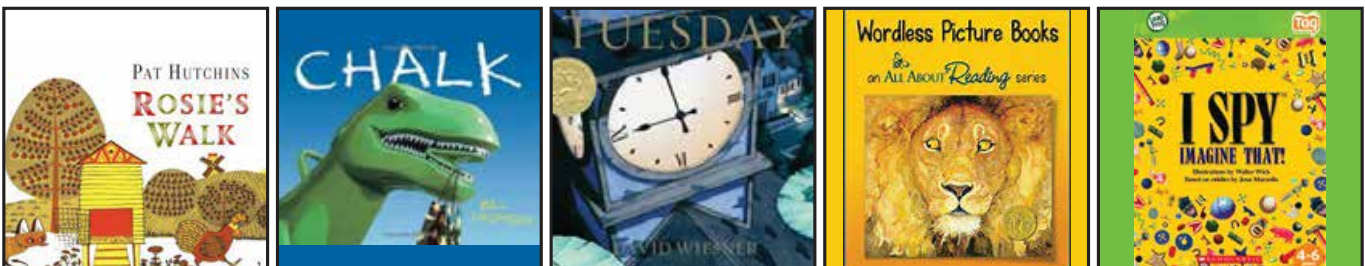
Make bingo cards by drawing a 4x5 grid on a sheet of paper. Fill in the 20 squares with small drawings of items you might see on a trip or outside: car, tree, bike, bus, family, store, etc. Each person takes one bingo card or works on one card together. Take turns looking around to find items on the bingo Card. If an object is found, cover up the picture with a penny, rock or small object. Try to find four in a row (up, down or diagonal) or cover the whole card.

Story Cards

Make your own story cards. Draw a big tic-tac-toe board on a piece of paper. Cut the paper along the lines to create nine cards. While you are cutting out the cards, talk to your child about what story he or she would like to tell with the cards. Ask them what pictures they would like on the cards. Draw the pictures together. Line the cards up to tell a story. Rearrange the cards to tell a different story. Store your cards in a Ziploc baggie.



Books to share with your child that encourage talking:



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