

Where Questions

Being able to ask and answer wh-questions (e.g. who, what, where, when, why, how) is an essential part of language development. You need to be able to understand and respond to questions in order to share information with others and join in conversations.

Activities for Working on 'Where' Questions

- Hide and Seek: Take turns to hide. Once you have been found, talk about *where* you were hiding and *where* you looked to try and find each other.
- Treasure Hunt: Hide items around the room. When your child finds them ask *where* they were hiding (You may need to work on prepositions first if your child does not know words such as on, under or behind).
- The Journey: Pretend you are going on a trip to visit lots of different places. Pretend to get in the car or get on a plane and talk about *where* you are going to go. For example, you could go to the cinema, the park, to France, to the moon...
- Sorting: Choose 2-3 scenes (e.g. a beach, the zoo and school). Cut out pictures of items that belong in each location. They ask your child to sort the items. E.g. *where* does the bucket and spade belong?
- Matching: Cut out pictures of animals and their homes. Support your child to match the correct animal to its home by asking questions such as *where* does the bird live?
- Lotto: Make up a lotto or bingo board which has different locations on it (e.g. the bathroom, bedroom, kitchen). Ask questions such as '*where* do we brush our teeth?'. If your child has that location on their lotto board they can cover it up with a counter.
- Read a story together and ask questions such as '*where* did the girl go?'

Tips for Working on Where Questions:

- When you ask a '*where*' question, if your child just points and says '*there*', prompt them to give the specific name of the location.
- If your child makes a mistake (e.g. gives the wrong location, or says *who* the person is rather than *where* they are) repeat your question and model what they should have said.
- Use everyday opportunities to practice asking and answering *where* questions. For example, whilst getting ready to go out ask your child '*where* are your shoes?'