



Development matters	Babies enjoy experimenting, exploring and using sounds and words to represent objects around them.
Look, listen, note	Listen to the sounds and early words babies use and how familiar adults show that they understand them.
Effective practice	Sharing the fun of discovery and valuing babies' words, e.g. by bringing the doll in response to 'baba'.
Play and practical support	Encourage exploration and imitation of sound by providing objects such as firmly sealed yoghurt pots or plastic bottles filled with water, sand, gravel.

Sitters, Standers and Explorers ●