Position Words

Position words are used to describe where a person or object is. Early position words include ‘in, on, under, up, down’. Harder position words include ‘behind, in front, next to, beside, above, below’

Everyday activities can be used to help develop your child’s understanding of positional vocabulary. Ask your child to put items away in the house eg. ‘Put the book in the box’, ‘Put the cup on the shelf’. Talk about where items are eg. At dinner time ‘The fork is next to the plate’ or ‘Where is the knife?’

You will need

Have a few small toys such as a car, toy animals, brick and some places to put them such as a box, toy furniture, bag etc.

Ask your child;

- Put the car in the box
- Put the brick under the table
- Put the cow on the bag
- Put the car behind the chair

If your child is finding this tricky reduce the number of items or just try the early position words first. Also just pick one or two position words to focus on at any one time.

You will need

A selection of toys

Play hiding games around the house. Choose a few familiar objects and take it in turns to hide them around the house. Give clues to help each other find them;

- The teddy is under a chair
- The car is on a shelf
- The ball is behind a book
- The doll is next to a chair

Try using signs or natural gesture to support your child’s understanding of position words. Your child’s Speech and Language Therapist will show you how.

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