

Puppets

WHAT YOU NEED

You can use toy puppets, or make your own with a sock or paper bag on your hand. Make it more realistic by drawing on eyes, a nose and a mouth.

HOW TO PLAY

Puppets can be used to encourage turn taking and conversation. Talking to the puppet yourself shows the child how to do the same. Say "Hello" or "Goodbye" and the puppet's name. Make the puppet say hello to the child.

Children love feeding puppets – sort out some things for the puppet to eat and ask the child what to feed him. Then make the puppet pick up the "food" and pretend to eat it.

Show the child how to ask the puppet if he has finished and whether he wants more. Use words like "Finished now?" and "More?" Encourage the child to do the same.