

Bring together some fun, safe objects for your child to play with. These could be some toys or household objects that begin with the letter Cc. Such as clock, cork, camera, cat (toy)

Put these into a bag that they can't see into. A handbag or pillowcase will work fine.

Now, get your child's attention and turn the bag around, saying: 'Turn, turn, turn around, put my hand in, and what have I found?'

Put your hand in the bag and choose an object at random to pull out.

Let your child look at it and describe what you see. What colour is it? Is it big or small? Soft or hard? Does it make a sound?

Now hand the bag to your child and let them have a go. Ask them questions about the object and praise them when they talk about it. Do not correct the language of your child but model it, for example – "the sr ellow" instead repeat this phrase back "the car is yellow, does it go fast?".

These sorts of games help your child to become a good listener which will help them socialise, learn and read as they get older.

It would be ideal to pick a time in the day when your little one is not over tired, hungry or engaged in other play. It would be lovely for you and your child to have one to one time if possible away from distractions where you can both enjoy learning together.

Remember that teaching and learning phonics needs to be through games and play and most of all fun.

