

# Fun & Play with Toys

## Lots of Fun ways to spend 30 minutes

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, sister or brother, you can initiate and encourage these activities – or better still join in yourself.

### creative

- **DRESS UP** Create an entire look, from outfit to make-up, for how they want to look when they grow up.
- **FASHION SHOW** Whether it's the kids themselves or boys' or girls' dolls, the models must remember to wiggle when they walk down the cat walk!
- **FINGER PUPPET** Pick a favourite character and make a finger puppet to look like them.
- **MODEL MAKING** Have a go at model making using clay, playdough, or plasticine.
- **DESIGN** Design your own board game together.
- **DRAWING** Hold a competition using crayons, paint, potato prints or finger painting.
- **NATURE TRAIL** Try pressing flowers, making petal perfume and leaf rubbings.



- **JEWELLERY** Make using buttons, beads, or a jewellery kit.
- **POPSONGS** Ask kids to choose their favourite pop song then invent a song and dance routine for the family.

### imaginative

- **ACTING** Why not use your toys to re-create a soap opera like 'Neighbours'?
- **ROLE PLAY** Try doctors or nurses, teacher and pupil or shopkeepers.
- **LOOK AFTER SOMEONE SPECIAL** Dolls can be dressed up, nursed through injury or illness, read to or taken on journeys.
- **MODEL TRAINS/CARS** Drive them! Give them personalities and adventures.
- **PLAY 'TELEVISIONS'** A cardboard box is a fun and easily made television set.



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### outdoors



- **ASSAULT COURSE** Create an activity assault course in your garden.
- **HOPSCOTCH** Chalk up a Hopscotch grid on your driveway. Be creative with its shape to test their skills.

- **PLAY BALL** From simple 'catch' to more complicated games like skittles with old cans or rounders.
- **WATER** In hot weather, you can't beat water games. Use water pistols, paddling pools or hosepipes!
- **HIDE & SEEK** Play Hide and Seek or Sardines?
- **TAG** Burn off loads of energy with Tag, Mr Crocodile and Simon says.



### competitions

- **COMPUTER** Set up a computer game knockout with your kids' friends.
- **BUILDING BLOCKS** Construct the biggest building using blocks – or the funniest one.
- **BOARD GAME** Host a board game championship.
- **MARBLES** Organise a mini marbles or Jacks or table football tournament.

### thinking

- **WHO AM I?** Play celebrity Who am I? or 20 questions – remember only answer yes or no!
- **WORD GAME** Start with famous people. Think of a name, next to go says another name beginning with the initial of your choice's surname.
- **STORY** Concoct a group story using the order of the alphabet "My auntie went to China and bought...an armadillo, a balaclava, a Cadillac".



- **HOLIDAY DIARY** Keep a holiday diary using used tickets, receipts and anything else to make a collage.

- **TREASURE TRAIL** Think of really tricky clues to lead them to the coveted prize.



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