

# Early Language in everyday activities



## Going to the park



### Bug hunt

Go on a hunt for insects or other animals and objects. You could come up with your own or use a ready-made one e.g. [Downloadable activities for kids | Fields in Trust](#)

- Vocabulary – think about the **describing words** you could use when looking at what you have found e.g. slimy, sticky, tiny, creepy, slow, quick etc.
- Categories – what **group do they belong to** e.g. insects, birds, animals?
- Same / different – what do they have in **common**? How are they **different**?

### Play equipment

When you're playing on the swings, slides etc, try and think about some of the words you can use...

Action words – **climb, step, slide, jump, push, pull**

Comparison words - **higher, faster, slower**

Concept / position words - **in, on, under, off**

Direction words - **Up, down, round & round**

### I spy

Play a version of I spy where you give more clues about what you have seen such as:

- the group / **category**
- **where** else you might find it
- what the **features** are / what it looks like
- what it **does** / is used for
- how many claps / **syllables**.

Make it harder / easier depending on your child.

### Hide and seek

Play hide and seek with each other or take a toy you can hide and then try and find it. Make it harder by using a smaller toy. This is a good one for **position words** e.g. on, under, behind, in front, between, top, bottom.

### Suggested Books

Nature trail – (*Benjamin Zephaniah*)

Maisy goes on a nature walk – (*Lucy Cousins*)

Shark in the Park – (*Nick Sharratt*)

Tidy – (*Emily Gravett*)

The rescue party – (*Nick Butterworth*)

Tip: You don't have to 'read' the books, you can enjoy looking at the pictures, or making up your own stories!

### Suggested songs or rhymes

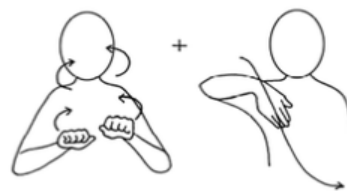
Here we go round the mulberry bush

This is my garden

*(words of the rhymes are included on page 2)*



Swing



Slide

Video of some Makaton signs:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-playground-slide-swing>

**Why not pay a visit to your local [Library](#)!** Southampton Library Service are working together with the Speech & Language Consultant to offer a supply of suggested books in local libraries. **Anyone can join the library – it's free! Call in to your local library or join online: [Southampton | Libraries](#)**  
(please have ID with you to get your Library Card)

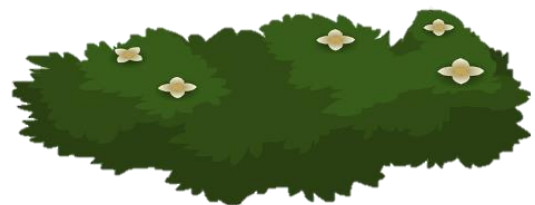
You can borrow up to 20 books each time and swap them as often as you like. SCC Libraries don't charge for any damage to books by children and there are no fines for late returns. Reading with your child is a great way to encourage speech, language and listening skills, **and visiting the library together is a free and fun activity!**

## Mulberry bush

Here we go round the mulberry bush,  
The mulberry bush,  
The mulberry bush  
Here we go round the mulberry bush  
Early in the morning

**Tip: Make up your own actions to match what you are doing e.g. walk to the park, slide down the slide, swing in the air.**

This is the way we wash our face,  
Wash our face,  
Wash our face  
This is the way we wash our face  
Early in the morning



## This is my garden (to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle)

This is my garden *(extend palm of hand facing up)*  
I'll rake it with care *(rake palm with 3 fingers of the other hand)*  
And then some flower seeds *(plant pretend seeds on palm)*  
I'll plant there.  
The sun will shine *(circular action with other hand)*  
And the rain will fall *(fingers flutter down)*  
And my garden will blossom  
And grow straight and tall *(cup hands and 'grow' fingers upwards like flowers)*



This is my garden (finger rhyme): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF1k-3-cibY>