

## Word Play

Children need opportunities to really 'think', especially about words.

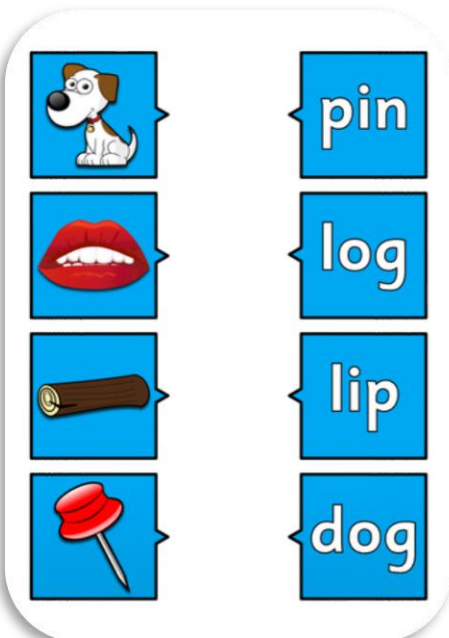


## Words Around Them

Point out words you see around you e.g. on clothing. What does it say? What does it mean?

## Books

Talk about why a word has been chosen. Take time to explain the meaning of the words. E.g. stroll, tusks & claws.

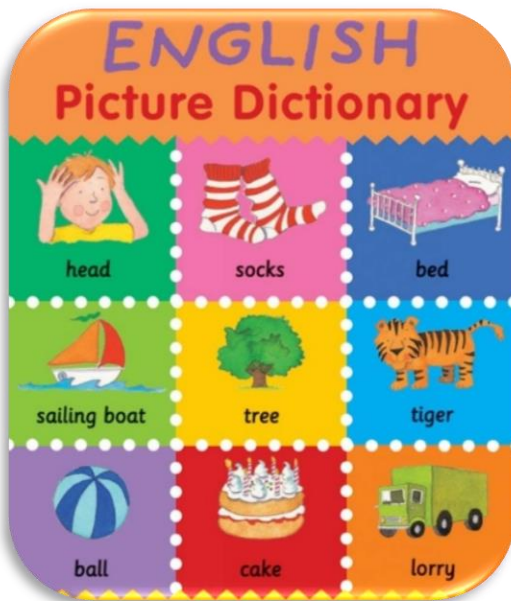


## Matching Games

Play games that match a word to a picture. Sound out the first letter of the word. Use Jolly Phonics to ensure you are pronouncing it correctly e.g. lip begins with the sound 'ull' not 'uh'.

## Riddles & Jokes

Share these with your children. Children will often then use the format to make up their own.



## I-Spy

A wonderful way to introduce the sounds at the beginning of words. Remember to focus on the sound and not the letter name. e.g. circle begins with sound sss.



## Picture Dictionaries

There are many children's picture dictionaries available. Share them in the same way as a story book.



## Onomatopoeia

Deliberately use words that sound like their meaning e.g. boing, fizz, purr, moo and crash.

