

# Toys To Encourage Good • *toddler* • Speech & Language Skills

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Kitchens and food toys are great for vocabulary concepts. Focus on colors, shapes, and sizes. Who has more? Who has less? Work on asking questions to request or take orders.



2

Dress up costumes are a great way to practice taking on different roles. Take this opportunity to use different social skills while playing. What questions/comments would a pilot make? They would greet each passenger and make eye contact as they board the plane. They might ask the person where they are flying.

3

Plain dolls are a great way to encourage speech and language for both boys and girls. Work on labeling clothing and body parts. Practice feelings and emotions when the baby is hungry or sick!



4

Plain blocks promote imaginative play! When the child gets tired of playing with them as blocks, add them to the kitchen and pretend they are food. Will they be a train next? Or wood for a campfire?