

Early Years – Adjectives

An adjective provides further information about a noun. For example when a child puts the words 'big' and 'dog' together we are able to learn about the size of the dog. It is important that children learn adjectives as this will not only allow them to put two or more words together but it also allows them to convey more meaning.

The following are activities that you can do at home to help the child learn adjectives.

- **Big/Small**

Comment on things that the child can see that are big and small.

Practise sorting items into big and small boxes.

Give the child two items that are the same, for example a big ball and a small ball, and ask the child to find the small ball.

- **High/Low/Fast/Slow**

Comment on the adjectives.

When playing with cars, talk about the cars driving fast/slow.

Play on a trampoline, practising high/low/fast/slow jumps.

- **Wet/Dry**

When it is raining, comment on things that are wet. When it is a sunny day, comment on things that are dry.

When the child is washing their hands, talk about their hands being wet. Then when they are dry, talk about how the hands are dry. You could play a game where you wash different toys and then dry them.

- **Clean/Dirty**

At dinnertime when washing the plates, you can talk to your child about how they are dirty/clean.

- **Colours**

Play with Lego that is one colour, commenting on this colour and what you are doing.

During everyday activities, comment on colours, e.g. "do you want to play on the red swing?"

Get together several items that are one colour and several items that are another colour. Put them into a bag and pull them out one at a time, encouraging the children to label the colour.

We also have colour games on our website that you can download.