



TIME TO TALK

Listen to me - Make a pretend phone

Make a pretend phone and use it to chat to each other.

You'll need:

- Two plastic or paper cups
- A length of string
- A pair of scissors (or sharp object)
- Two paperclips (optional)

Method:

- Using the scissors (or sharp object), poke a hole through the bottom of each plastic cup
- Cut the string to the length you want
- Thread one end of the string through the hole in the bottom of the cup so

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that the end of the string is inside the cup

- Tie a knot in the end of the string so that it doesn't come out of the cup
- You can tie it to a paperclip at this point if you want to make sure it stays in
- Repeat this process with the other cup
- Your pretend phone is now ready to use
- Each person takes a cup
- Walk away from each other until the string is tight but take care not to rip the string from the cup
- One person speaks into their cup while the other holds their cup to their ear
- The sound waves will travel along the tight string

Why not?

- Vary the length of the string to see how this changes the results?

The benefits of this activity:

- Playing with your child improves the bond between you
- This activity will encourage your child to engage in a conversation and to listen carefully
- It will also teach your child the importance of taking turns



CAUTION:
Close supervision
is needed when
using scissors
and string!