

Following Instructions Games

Toy Box Ideas

These games use the idea of 'information carrying words'. These are the words in the sentence the child must listen to, without additional contextual clues, to understand the sentence. Clues that could be inadvertently given include e.g. looking at the item, pointing, etc. They are split into differing levels, with some examples of instructions to give. Vary the instructions when you play the games and include silly instructions, as they may become part of a routine.

These games are suitable for language activities and attention and listening, and can be adapted in any way e.g. in a small group for turn taking and listening. They may also be used by speech and language therapists as part of an informal assessment or therapy game. Some ideas are given below for toys and instructions to use at one information carrying word level.

Shopping Toy Box:

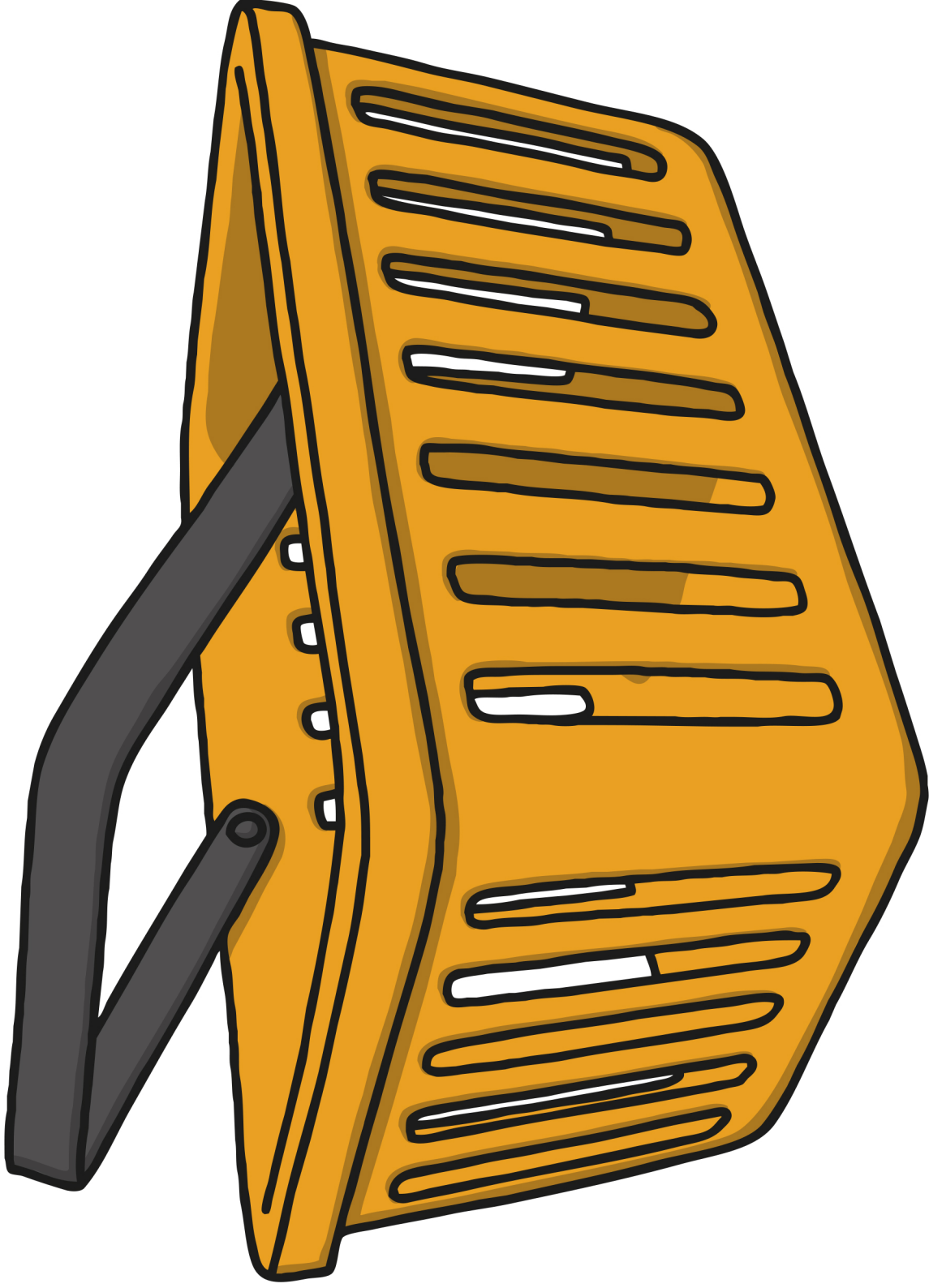
This toy box looks at supporting vocabulary associated with food. In the toy box, have some toy food, a basket and a till to set up a mini shop. Tell the child you need to buy some things from the shop. Give the child instructions to follow to support receptive language. The game can also be used to support expressive language by asking the child to give you instructions. This could also be done in a shop. This can be used to further reinforce 'in' and 'out' – 'Put the bread in the basket,' and then at the till – 'Take the bread out of the basket'.

Instructions at one information carrying word level can include:

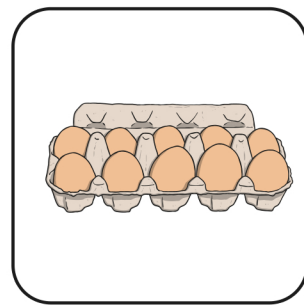
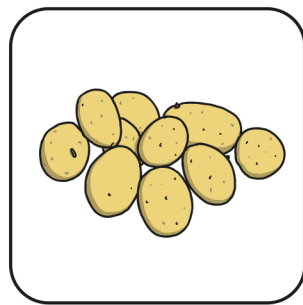
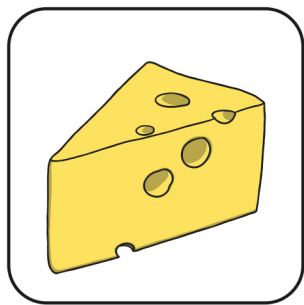
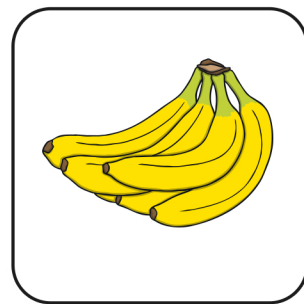
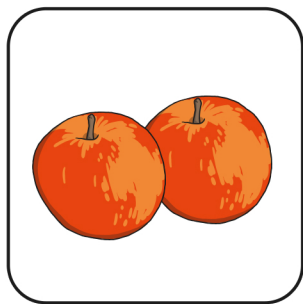
- Put the **bread** in the basket.
- Put the **apples** in the basket.
- Put the **milk** in the basket.
- Put the **bananas** in the basket.
- Put the **cheese** in the basket.
- Put the **cereal** in the basket.
- Put the **potatoes** in the basket.
- Put the **eggs** in the basket.



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Put the **apples** in the basket.

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Put the **milk** in the basket.

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Put the **bananas** in the basket.

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Put the **cheese** in the basket.

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Put the **cereal** in the basket.

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Put the **potatoes** in the basket.

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Put the **eggs** in the basket.

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Take the **bread** out of the basket.

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Take the **apples** out of the basket.

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Take the **milk** out of the basket.

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Take the **bananas** out of the basket.

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