

Bringing words to life with objects or pictures.

Why?

- Showing your little one a object, photo or picture that goes with the word(s) you are saying helps them learn what the words mean.
- It helps us as adults really focus on what is the key word(s) we want the child to understand in our message.
- Words on their own are just a collection of speech sounds and don't give the child any information about what that thing is.
- When we are speaking, it's just our lips moving and the sound disappears quickly. Objects, photos and pictures are bigger and last longer, which will draw children's attention to them and give them more processing time.

How?

- When giving choices of/talking about foods – hold up the packets or food items
- When giving choices of toys/talking about toys you- hold up the toy (or a piece from it).
- Show them a photo of people or places you are going to see/visit. This might be nursery, a shop, or family members. You could have them printed off or have them in a gallery on your phone.
- When talking about what activity will happen next, show them something linked to it e.g. nappy (nappy change), book (story time), car keys (going in the car), coat/shoes (going outside), purse (going shopping), snack (show them their cup).

