

SockPuppet: Taking Turns

Instructions:

1. Place a sock on your hand and let your child watch as you draw a face on the toe of the sock.
2. Begin talking and singing for the puppet.
3. Take the puppet off and put it back on. Encourage your child to put the puppet on.
4. Make another puppet from another sock. Talk to the first puppet. Model conversation -give each puppet time to respond. Encourage your child to talk to the puppets.
5. Let your child lead the play and observe what he does.
6. Play as long as he is interested.

Materials:

- Clean, light-colored adult size socks
- Fabric markers or permanent markers
- Toddler Book



What they learn:

Motor: Playing with the puppet uses the small muscles in your child's hands and fingers.

Language: Your child is fascinated with language. Hearing the puppet talk attracts his attention.

Language: Your child learns best in a language rich environment. The more you surround your child with language, the more words he will understand and say.