

# Early Language in everyday activities

## Shopping

### Write a list

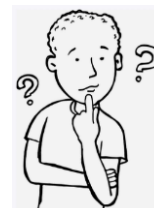
It's an important part of children learning to read and write to see people writing. You can also get them to do their own 'list'. Perhaps you can give them one of their own to take round the shop with pictures drawn on that they can spy / fetch.



### Guessing game

Describe items as you put them on the list or as you go round the shops and see if your child can guess what they are. This is good for developing vocabulary knowledge and links. Talk about:

- What it **looks / feels** like e.g. it's round and bumpy and orange.
- How / What you **use it** for e.g. you put it on your cereal, you drink it in your cup, you eat it with a spoon.
- **Where** you might find it e.g. where it grows or where in the house you'd find / use it.
- What else it is **linked with** e.g. cows make it, monkey's like eating them.



### We went shopping and bought...

Version of Granny's basket and is a bit of a memory game. You take it in turns to say what everyone has said beforehand and then add one e.g. We went shopping and bought milk, we went shopping and bought milk...and apples etc. You could do this with your real shopping once home and see if they can remember what you bought. You could have a bag of objects to help or give them clues like in the guessing game above.

### Categories game

How many things can you think of in a particular group that have the same sound or number of syllables e.g. how many items of food beginning with 'b' (butter, banana, beef, bread, burrito) or how many bits of clothing with one clap / syllable (coat, hat, glove, shirt)

### Suggested Books

The Smartest Giant in Town - Julia Donaldson

Last Stop on Market Street - Matt de la Pena

The One-Stop Story Shop - Tracey Corderoy

You Choose - Pippa Goodhart

The Fairytale Hairdresser (series) - Abie Longstaff

Tip: You don't have to 'read' the books, you can enjoy looking at the pictures, or making up your own stories!

### Suggested songs or rhymes

Five Currant Buns  
Old Mother Hubbard

(words of the rhymes are included on page 2)



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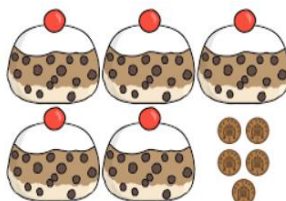
**Why not pay a visit to your local [Library](#)!** Southampton Library Service are working together with the Speech & Language Consultant to offer a supply of suggested books in local libraries. **Anyone can join the library – it's free!** Call in to your local library or join online: [Southampton | Libraries](#)  
(please have ID with you to get your Library Card)

You can borrow up to 20 books each time and swap them as often as you like. SCC Libraries don't charge for any damage to books by children and there are no fines for late returns.

Reading with your child is a great way to encourage speech, language and listening skills, **and visiting the library together is a free and fun activity!**

## Five Currant Buns

*FIVE currant buns in a baker's shop,  
Round and fat with a cherry on top.  
Along came a boy with a penny one day,  
Bought a currant bun and took it away.  
FOUR currant buns in a baker's shop,  
Round and fat with a cherry on top.*



You could change "a boy" or "a girl" for your child's name and their toys and favourite characters!

*Along came a girl with a penny one day,  
Bought a currant bun and took it away.*

*Count down until...*

*ONE currant bun in a baker's shop,  
Round and fat with a cherry on top.  
Along came a boy with a penny one day,  
Bought a currant bun and took it away.*

**Nursery Rhyme:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-five-currant-buns/zm4nmfr>

**Signed version:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvImUfkmJg>

## Old Mother Hubbard

*Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard,  
To fetch her poor dog a bone.  
But when she got there the cupboard was bare,  
And so the poor dog had none.*

*She went to the fishmonger's to buy him some fish,  
But when she came back he was licking the dish.  
She went to the grocer's to buy him some fruit,  
But when she came back he was playing the flute!*

*So Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard,  
To fetch her poor dog a bone.  
But when she got there the cupboard was bare,  
And so the poor dog had none.*

*She went to the baker's to buy him some bread,  
But when she came back he didn't want to be fed.  
So Old Mother Hubbard went back to the cupboard,  
To fetch her poor dog a bone.  
And when she got there it was no longer bare,  
And so she gave her poor dog...a bone!*



You could make up your own rhyming ideas e.g. she went to the shops to get him a hat, when she came back, he was sitting on the mat

**Nursery Rhyme:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-old-mother-hubbard/zdsmd6f>

[Hey Diddle Diddle - Old Mother Hubbard - CBeebies - BBC](#)