

Making Sounds Together

- As you play with animals together, make the sounds for the animals. Ask, *what does a cow say?* Child says *moo*. You say, *Yes, a cow says moo*.
- As you play with vehicles together, make different sounds for the different vehicles. For example, *rrrrr* or *p-p-p-p-p* or *sssss*.
- Make silly sounds for the toys as you play.
- Make up silly songs while you play together.
- Practice making sounds that are difficult for your child. For example, if he has difficulty making the 'k' sound, practice making it as the baby doll in play asks for a cookie. *k-k-k* said the baby. Or perhaps *mmmmm* to say a cookie is good!
- Make sounds for certain situations, such as *ssss* for a flat tire or *shhhh* for running water.
- Listen to different kinds of music or musical instruments together. Try to make the sounds. For example, *pat-a-pat-a-pat* for a drum.
- As you look at books together, make sounds for the pictures. For example, if there is a picture of a volcano, make a sound for it, *whoosh*. If there is a snake, make the *hissss*.
- Lie on the floor together. Be quiet and listen carefully to the sounds of the house. Try to make the same sounds.
- Name a noise-making object. For example, a blender. Either listen to the blender or just ask, *what does a blender sound like?* *Whirrrr*.
- Pretend to be a marching band, marching throughout the inside or go outside. Do not take any instruments or objects. Use your imagination and mouths or bodies instead. What silly sounds can you make?
- Pretend to go to the jungle. What sounds would you hear there? *oo oo ah ah?*

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