

Making up your own story

Pick a topic your child might like? think about songs, toys, places they have been, when making your story remember that a story has a beginning, middle and an end. if you find that your child gets bored or is not interested don't rush the ending, there could always be a to be continued...

Example –cars

Sing a car song

“I’m driving in my car I’m driving in my car beep beep toot toot beep beep toot toot I’m driving in my car” (position hands as if you are holding a steering wheel and pretend to steer)

“I’m driving very slow I’m driving very slow beep beep toot toot beep beep toot toot I’m driving very slow” (position hands as if you are holding a steering wheel and move slowly)

“I’m driving very fast I’m driving very fast beep beep toot toot beep beep toot toot I’m driving very fast (position hands as if you are holding a steering wheel and move fast)

This will then lead you on to your story

I wonder where the car was driving to?.....

Would it take us somewhere new or where we have been before?.....

I wonder where it would take us if it was a flying car?.....

What sound do you think the car would make? perhaps it would make a loud noise like vroom?

I wonder where we would park our car in the garage or on the roadside?

Depending on your child’s age the story making will be done through questions if not you can suggest some. pick up some of the language that the child has used throughout the process so that you are involving them. Remember when you have your input to pause to allow the children to respond with their own ideas it is just like having a conversation but you are using their ideas to make a story, why not involve older children to give the younger children ideas. I am sure you have some great adventures that you have been on why not choose a different one for the following day, maybe a bedtime story.