




All about me @ 2: Problem solving (Working things out)

Activities to play with your child together, to support their development.

Example activity	Example image
<p>Cut a regular hole in the top of a shoe box. Let your toddler insert an old deck of playing cards or used envelopes of different shapes and sizes. Watch how they work out which way to post the shape of the envelope, through the hole.</p>	
<p>Clean plastic containers with push or screw-on lids are great places to 'hide' a favourite treat or object*. Toddlers will practice pulling and twisting them to solve the 'problem' of getting the object. Watch to see if your toddler asks for your help to unscrew the lid.</p> <p>* Take care with all small items which can cause choking in babies and young children. It is very important that lids are tightly secured and curious little fingers cannot un-do.</p>	
<p>Many everyday items (socks, spoons, shoes, gloves) can help your toddler learn about matching. Hold up an object and ask if he / she can find one like yours. Name the objects while playing games, using colours and numbers.</p>	
<p>Turn objects upside down (books, cups, shoes) and see if your toddler notices they're wrong and turns them back the right way. Your toddler will begin to enjoy playing 'silly' games, such as 'find the odd one out'.</p>	