

Following Instructions Games

Toy Box Ideas

These games use the idea of 'information carrying words'. These are the words in the sentence the child must listen to, without additional contextual clues, to understand the sentence. Clues that could be inadvertently given include e.g. looking at the item, pointing, etc. They are split into differing levels, with some examples of instructions to give. Vary the instructions when you play the games and include silly instructions, as they may become part of a routine.

These games are suitable for language activities and attention and listening, and can be adapted in any way e.g. in a small group for turn taking and listening. They may also be used by speech and language therapists as part of an informal assessment or therapy game. Some ideas are given below for toys and instructions to use at three information carrying words level.

Bath Time Toy Box:

In the box, have a doll, teddy (or any other toy with arms and legs), soap and a towel. You could also put the toys in a toy bath (with or without water) to make the game more appealing. Tell the child it is time for the toys to have their bath. Give the child instructions to follow to support receptive language. The game can also be used to support expressive language by asking the child to give you instructions. This game can be extended by using clothes to dress the toys.

Instructions to give the child at three information carrying words level can include:

Wash the baby's hand.

Dry the teddy's ear.

Wash the teddy's leg.

Wash the baby's foot.

Dry the teddy's tummy.

Wash the baby's hair.

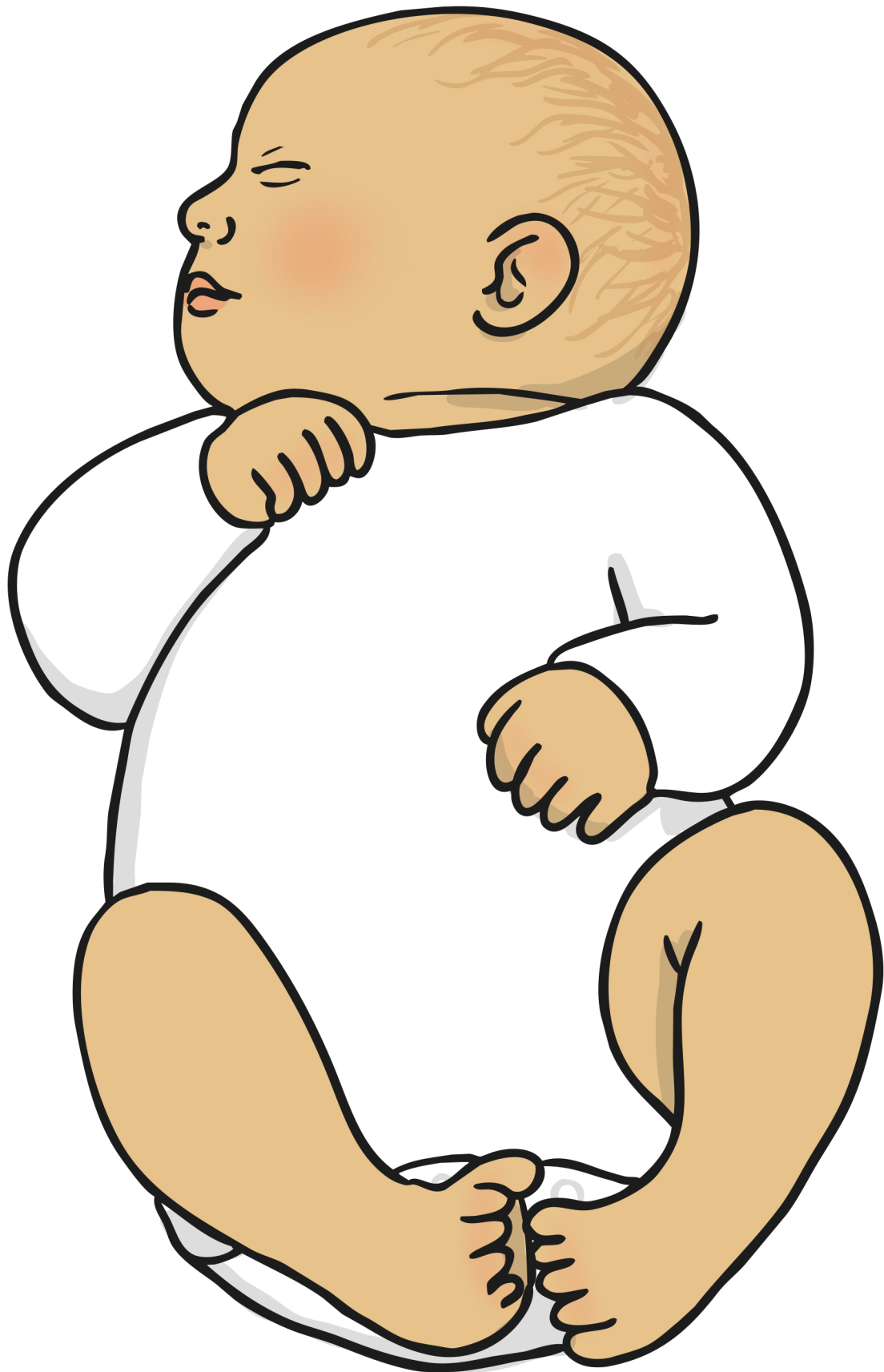
Wash the baby's tummy.

Dry the baby's back.

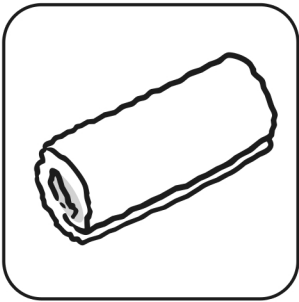
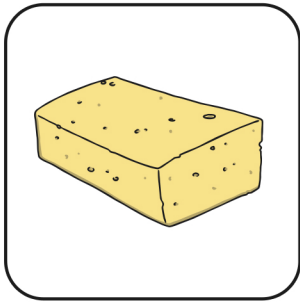
Dry the teddy's arm.

Wash the teddy's face.

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Wash the **teddy's** leg.

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Dry the **teddy's** tummy.

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Wash the **baby's** hair.

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Wash the **baby's** tummy.

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Dry the **baby's** back.

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Dry the **teddy's** arm.

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Wash the **teddy's** face.

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