

Add an adjective



This exercise is great for encouraging the use of descriptive words (adjectives) and linking them into simple sentences.

How to do it

Get the children to collect some objects to describe, such as a ball, toy or cup.

Next...

Hold the ball in your hands and say: 'This is a ball.' Hand the ball to the next child and ask them to add another word to describe the ball. For example, they might say: 'It's a blue ball.' The ball is then passed to the next child, who adds another descriptive word. 'It's a round ball.' Keep going as long as you can. 'It's a big ball'. 'It's a bouncy ball.'

Then...

As always, recognise and praise good listening behaviours.



Make it easier...

Prompt or ask some gentle questions: 'What does the ball feel like?'

Make it harder...

With older children, get them to add the words together into a sentence: 'It's a blue ball': 'It's a round blue ball': 'It's a big, round blue ball . . .', and so on.



'I am learning so many words to describe things.'