



MY PLAYHOME APP

My PlayHome is the original dollhouse app. Massively interactive, your kids can explore and use everything in the house. The characters eat, sleep, shower, brush their teeth and more. Want the room to be darker? Close the curtains! Fancy a change in music? Pop a different CD into the stereo!

Supporting Language Development

By using the app interactively with your child, you can help them to develop their use and understanding of language.

Following Directions

Directions can have a variety of concepts in them and can be broken down into 1, 2 or 3 step directions. Have fun and take turns giving each other directions!

- **Location concepts:** such as “next to”, “on”, “inside”. etc. An example of a 1-step direction is, “put the girl on the couch”.
- **Temporal concepts:** such as “before”, “after”, “then” etc. An example of a 2-step direction is, “put the man on the couch before you turn on the tv”.
- **Sequence concepts:** such as, “first”, “next”, “last”, etc. An example of a 3 -step direction is, “first take the boy into the kitchen, second open the fridge and last take out the milk”.

Pronouns

He/she: put the people in different locations around the house and label where they are/what they are doing. For example, “He is on the couch”/ “She is in the kitchen”.

- **Him/her:** Talk about what people are doing. For example, “The boy is bouncing his ball” / “The mom is drinking her drink.”

Increase Vocabulary

- **Naming things:** trampoline, tire swing, fish tank
- **Action words:** jump, sit, watch (tv), sleep, play
- **Description words:** green (apple), little (girl)



Basic Concepts you can practice with My PlayHome:

In/Out: Put people in/out of the shower, in/out of the bed, in/out of the fridge, in/out of cupboards, in/out of the car

On/Off: put clothing on and take it off, put objects on/off tables or shelves, put blankets on/off, turn lights on/off, turn alarm clock on/off

Up/Down: go up/downstairs; up in the treehouse, jump on the bed

Open/Close: Open/close the curtains, shower curtains, the oven, the fridge, the closet doors

Stop/Go: Make the car stop/go, make the tire swing stop/go, make the washing machine stop/go, make the ball stop/go

Wet/Dry: shower, sink, watering can in the garden, make it rain outside

See back of page for speech sound practice ideas & additional links!

SPEECH SOUND PRACTICE

You can also use the *My Play home* app to help your child practice their speech sound goals. Below are some possible target words, depending on your child's goals. Check with your child's SLP to determine which sounds and levels to practice at.

- /k/ sound
 - o cup (kitchen), cat (living room),
 - o pick (apples off tree outside)
- /g/ sound
 - o go (when transitioning to new room)
 - o dog (living room)
- /f/ sound
 - o fish (living room), flag (outside)
 - o off (moving food off the table in kitchen, taking clothes off in bedroom, etc.)
- /v/ sound
 - o video (living room)
 - o move (to another room or around the room), drive (car out front)
- /l/ sound
 - o lamp/light (living room), loud (stereo in living room), ladder (bedroom)
 - o wall (any room), ball (bedroom)
- 'sh' sound
 - o shake (watering can outside), shirt (bedroom)
 - o fish (living room), wash (bathroom), brush (bathroom)
- s-blends:
 - o Spin (washing machine in kitchen, wheel on treehouse or swing outside)
 - o Stereo (living room), stay (tell dog in living room)
 - o Sleep (dog in living room, person in bedroom)
 - o Swing (outside)

TIPS

You can emphasize words with your child's target sound while playing on the app with them. For example, if they are learning to say the /g/ sound, you can say "Gggggo!" every time you move to a new room.

There are different levels of practice, including practicing at the sound, syllable, word, phrase, or sentence level. Check with your child's SLP to determine what level you should be modelling and practicing at with your child.

Links to Support Interaction:

You can interact with a partner on My PlayHome using the Partner Play feature.

Click [here](#) for instructions to pair your apps.

Visit this [YouTube channel](#) for ideas of how to interact with your child while playing My PlayHome together.

