

Shopping

Let's make shopping fun with maths!

Before you get to the shops, you could look together in the cupboards and see what food you may need to buy - 'some more pasta' or perhaps a 'big packet of cereal' - you could write a shopping list together.

When you are at the shops, encourage your child to help you find the different foods, comment on how many apples, for example, what we need to buy and count the items as they go into the basket.

Pointing out and talking about the different foods, how many we need today will help your child to understand more about counting objects and maths ideas.

Praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding more words to extend their vocabulary.



Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to wait and pause, give ten seconds for thinking time, listen to your child and then respond.

Words to share

More, big, small, one, two, three, four, five

Making it work for your family

Focus on one idea first and keep it simple, for example, talking just about the different foods on the shelves, then add in counting the objects.

Next time you could try ...

playing 'shops' at home with a variety of food packets, bottles, etc. - you could count these or find some big or small items to talk about - look out for those chances to have fun together with maths.

Look all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.