

Playing shop

Collect your spare change together and keep it in a money box. This can be used later when you play shop together. You might want to encourage grandparents to get involved too especially if you don't have a lot of time yourself.

What can you put in your play shop?

- A selection of small toys, including cars and soft toys.
- Empty food packets arranged on the floor or coffee table.
- Toy tea set to serve pretend tea and coffee.
- Cakes made from playdough.

Encourage children to write simple prices on post-it notes and stick to each one. Ask your child to choose 1, 2 or 3 items and place in a shopping bag. Count the items and talk about the price together. What is the total cost of the shopping? Use the spare change to count out the money together. Older children may want to use a calculator to add up more complex prices.

Play the game **Play Shop** together.