

*Learning and
understanding new words*
A box of everyday things



CHATTERBOX
THE CANARY

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0-6 MONTHS

- 1 Put a few everyday objects (sock, brush, flannel, teddy) into a box
- 2 Choose something and give it to Baby, name it – let them explore it with their hands and mouth
- 3 Repeat with the remaining items

6-12 MONTHS

- 1 Put a few everyday object into a box. Use objects like a cup, spoon, book, shoe, vest, nappy, ball, anything that they are likely to see every day
- 2 Choose something and give it to Baby, name it – let them explore it with their hands and mouth
- 3 As Baby gets older tell them what the items are for, "Brush. Brush your hair"
- 4 Sing a song like "This is the way we brush our hair, brush our hair, brush our hair, this is the way we brush our hair early in the morning"

12-18 MONTHS

- 1 Put some everyday objects into a box
- 2 Involve a "person" like a teddy, dolly or toy dog
- 3 As you take items out of the box, use them on the "person"
- 4 Show how you brush teeth, wash face, put socks on. Let them have a go – it doesn't matter if it's not right
- 5 Tell them what's happening: "You're brushing teddy's hair"
- 6 Repeat with the remaining items

Remember to *talk about everyday objects* when they come up as part of your daily routine too.

Babbling Babies