

Hiding games

Aims:

To stimulate child and increase sense of vision

To help develop spatial awareness

To encourage eye contact between child and adult

To encourage interactions between child and adult

To encourage communication between child and adult

To build up concepts about objects e.g. hats on heads

To help learn appropriate vocabulary –parts of face

Smile and chat to get child's attention. Movement of lips will keep child looking at your face

Put on hat and draw child's attention to it. After a while, tilt it over your eyes, lift again and say 'Peep-boo'

- Cover whole face with hat
- Lift hat on and off head
- Wear outrageous hat
- Leave hat over head for longer and see if child will take it off
- Put hat on child and play peep-boo on her face instead of yours
- Leave hat over child's face and see if she will knock it off
- Use sunglasses, scarf, piece of paper, toy
- If child isn't ready for complete disappearance use net/ cellophane
- Remember to vary what you say 'here I am' 'Boo' 'back again'
- Go behind child and peep head round her
- Duck up and down behind a table/ chair/ peep from behind door
- Hide and reappear from different positions –above, below/ left/ right