

Play is the most powerful way young children learn.

- Every time you play, sing or read with young children they are learning about language.
- The following activities have been designed for early childhood professionals to use as a starting point for developing children's early literacy skills through play.
- Please feel free to adapt them for the home and with children of different ages.
- Don't forget to record your own ideas, activities that worked really well, relevant songs and rhymes in the Notes section opposite.
- Visit our website www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au for more fun printable activities based on this book.

Engaging with Language and Literacy

***There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is best of all.***

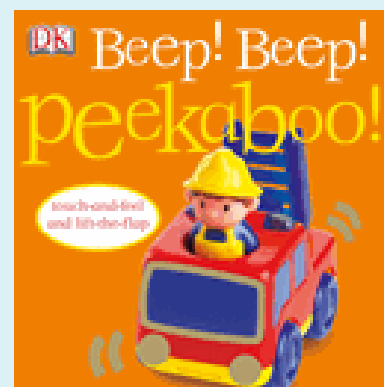
Jacqueline Kennedy

When reading the story:

- Allow children time to relate their knowledge about the vehicles.
- Ask questions like: What sound does a fire truck make?
- Introduce descriptive words such as smooth, rough, shiny, squishy with the children when touching the textures on the pages.
- When reading to toddlers match your voice to the text. For example when reading the word PEEK-A-BOO use a high excited voice.
- Try lifting the flaps slowly to increase the excitement in the story or lift it quickly and close it again!
- Focus on vehicle sounds with the children - can they remember what sound the train made?

After reading the story:

- Make your own version of the book with children, using pictures of vehicles cut out from magazines and adding textures such as shiny wrapping paper, felt and cotton wool.
- Play a simple matching game. Cut out pictures of trucks, cars and buses, can the children match the toy vehicles to the pictures? Encourage the children to name the vehicles.



Beep Beep Peek-A-Boo

Dorling Kindersley

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- Sing *This Is The Way We*. . . drive a car, ride a bike, and fly a plane with the children.
- Make a display of books featuring buses, cars, planes, rockets and other forms of transport.

Discovering Sensory Play

Sand Pit Construction

- Set up the sand pit with trucks, cars and diggers.
- Include plastic hard hats and vests for the children to wear while playing in the construction site.
- Encourage the children to name or make the sounds of the vehicle they are playing with.

Cardboard Cars

- Ask a local supermarket or families to bring in some cardboard boxes.
- Help the children make their own car by removing the bottom of the box and adding shoulder straps.
- The children can help decorate their cars with paint, stickers or coloured paper.
- For younger children who are yet walk a box makes a fun place to explore or sit in and observe the world.

Tyre Painting

- Create a fun picture using plastic vehicles and finger paint.
- Ask the children to drive their vehicles through a shallow tray of finger paint and then drive their vehicles across a large sheet of paper.
- What sort of pattern do the tyres make? What happens to the colours when they mix together?

Vehicles Vehicle Everywhere

- Place cars, trucks and trains outside on a mat, in the block corner, with the play dough or with construction sets like Duplo to make a mini city.

Exploring Our World

Transport Sounds

- Go for a walk to the closest road. What sounds can the children hear? Is the traffic loud or soft?
- What sound does a truck make?
- What sound does a bike make?

More Books About Transport

Dorling Kindersley publish a number of high quality board books, including:

Digger: Transport Shaped Board Book

Fire Trucks: Transport Shaped Board Book

Trucks: Baby Touch and Feel

Chunky, Bumpy, Dumpy Trucks

Beep Beep! Noisy Peek-A-Boo

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- Talk to the children about the different sounds.
- Change the words to *Lets Go Riding In My Car* to:
 - a bike it goes ting ting
 - a truck it goes brrrm brrm!

Tunnel and Ramps

- Make tunnels from a tissue or cereal boxes for the children to drive their cars, trains or trucks through. Introduce the children to words like through, inside and outside.
- Make ramps from blocks and cardboard at various heights.
- Encourage the children the drive their cars and trucks down the ramps. Introduce words like fast, faster and fastest. Which ramp do the cars go down the fastest?

Enjoying Music and Movement

Sing songs and action rhymes about transport such as:

- *Stop Says The Red Light*
- *Engine On The Track*
- *Row Row Row Your Boat*
- *Twinkle Twinkle Little Car*
- *Hurry Hurry Drive The Fire Truck*
- *Roly Poly*
- *Ten Little Aeroplanes*

An animated version of Ten Little Aeroplanes is available to view at:

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/ten-little-aeroplanes>

Songs and Rhymes

Stop Says The Red Light

Stop says the red light,
Go says the green,
Wait says the yellow light,
Coming in between.

Engine On The Track

Author Unknown
Here is the engine on the track **hold up thumb**
Here is the coal car, just in back **pointer**
Here is the box car to carry freight **middle**
Here is the mail car. Don't be late. **ring**

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Way back here at the end of the train. **little**
Rides the caboose through the sun and rain.

Row Row Row Your Boat

Row Row Row your boat,
Gently down the stream,
Merrily Merrily Merrily Merrily,
Life is but a dream.

Ten Little Aeroplanes

by The British Council
One little, two little, three little aeroplanes,
Four little, five little, six little aeroplanes,
Seven little, eight little, nine little aeroplanes,
Ten little aeroplanes flying high.

Ten little, nine little, eight little aeroplanes,
Seven little, six little, five little aeroplanes,
Four little, three little, two little aeroplanes,
One little aeroplane flying high.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Car

Twinkle twinkle little car
My daddy drives a motor car
Push the button
Pull the Choke
Off we go in a cloud of smoke
Beep Beep
Twinkle Twinkle Little star
My Daddy Drives a motor car.

Hurry Hurry Drive The Firetruck

Hurry, hurry drive that fire truck,
Hurry hurry drive that fire truck,
Hurry hurry drive that fire truck,
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding

(Other verses -- hurry, hurry, turn the corner, climb the ladder,
squirt the hoses, and then end with slowly, slowly back to the
station)

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