The Cup Game





Supplies:

- small toy
- plastic cup or bowl



Directions:

Step 1: Demonstrate how to place the toy in different positions that match the descriptions that you're saying. For example, put the toy under the cup and say, "The toy (use the name of the toy—ex: "dinosaur") is standing under the cup.

Step 2: Hand the toy to the child, and ask him to put it in different positions (in relation to the cup). See the position words below. Offer help as needed.

Position words: inside, above, beside, under, over, around, to the right, to the left, on top of, below, in front of, behind, in, near, far, off, by, next to, within, beneath

Step 3: When your child places the toy in a position, ask, "Where is the toy?" Model the correct answer, using a complete sentence with a position. Have your child repeat the answer after you. You might say, "That's right! The toy is standing next to the cup."

Step 4: Continue this game using a variety of positions. Be sure to ask your child to describe where the toy is (in terms of positions).

Make it easier: Model what you want your child to say. Position the toy and then use a complete sentence to tell your child where it is standing. Encourage your child to repeat the complete sentence about the toy's position. Change the toy's position and play again!

Extend it! Invite your child to decide where to position the toy and the cup. Then, ask your child, "Where is the toy?" Encourage your child to answer you in a complete sentence using the appropriate position.