

Activity 4 – Exploring and playing

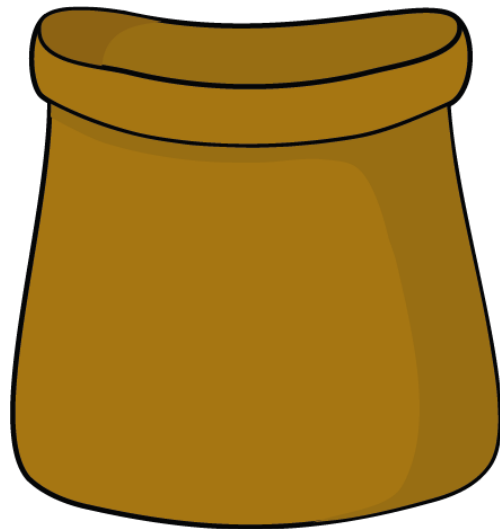
Exploring mystery objects in feely bag

What to do

- Place a selection of mystery objects in your bag.
- Challenge your child to identify the objects by putting their hand in the bag and feeling them.
- Encourage lots of talk about texture, shape and weight, e.g. *'What does it feel like? Is it hard and smooth or soft and fluffy?'*
- Reverse the game and put your hand in and describe what you feel. Can they guess what you are touching?
- Look away while your child chooses one of the items to put in the bag. Can you guess what they have chosen?

What you need

- A bag which hides the objects (e.g. *pillowcase, P.E. bag* etc.)
- Any object which will fit in the bag – aim for a variety (e.g. *small animal toys, hairbrush, deflated balloon, marble, dice, sock, leaf, squishy toy, sunglasses, feather, soft toy, hairband, facecloth, plastic cup* etc.)



Extension

- Use natural objects.
- Collect new objects to make a game for someone else.
- Make an 'odd one out' game with all of the objects bar one being of a type, e.g. 5 vegetables and a crayon. Can your child guess which was is odd and say why?

Questions to ask

- What can you feel?
- What might it be? What makes you think that?
- Is it soft/hard/furry/smooth/bristly?
- What does it remind you of?
- Which object will be hard for me to guess?
- What else could we hide in the bag?
- Which is the odd one out?