

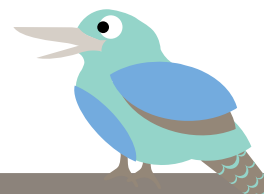
# Literacy: Playgroup Shop

Dramatic play or recreation of familiar daily experiences help children make sense of their world and understanding of events. This is a wonderful way to expand on what children already know, as well as build on their independence navigating an experience. Through role play and dramatic play, children can explore and be exposed to written words together with pictures and objects, as well as common everyday language that helps link it all together.

## What you need:

- Play food, flowers, toys
- Play money
- Low tables or a cardboard “shop”
- Cardboard or paper
- Coloured pens
- Sticky-tape or blu-tac
- Photos or pictures of things found in your shop

**Creative Tip:**  
Consider grouping by colour and or quantities to encourage additional learning.



## What to do:

1. Set up your shop.
2. Write labels to categorise things found in your play shop.
3. Give children a pictures or photos which they can match to the word and object found in your shop.
4. Let children stick these one at a time or as a group in their matched location.
5. Give children play money (you can make this yourself) to go shopping with
6. Let children take turns playing out shop keeper, families or delivery staff.
7. Ask lots of questions, explain what children are seeing, talk about the letters, symbols and signs and what they mean in context with objects and pictures.

