

## Toys and Games for Therapy

I am always on the look out for new and interesting activities to try with my clients. You will often find my favourite games and toys in your local toy or gift shop. There is often nothing special about them, except they are novel to the child and I use them to reinforce the behaviours I want to increase. I use a lot of games that have small parts that I can dole out to the child as a reward for saying their sounds or responding to the tasks I set.

### Games available from Toy Shops and Department stores

- Pop Up Pirate
- Crocodile Dentist
- Build-a-Bug
- Buckaroo
- Barrel of Monkeys
- Mr Potato Head
- Snakes and Ladders
- Sharkey (kids love the shark gobbling their cards)
- Guess Who (I have 7 different versions. They are great for developing descriptive language skills.)

### Things that you might already have and can use to reward speech behaviours

- Lego – make into towers
- Chain links
- Bead threading
- Bubbles
- Connecting games

### Make Your Own Fun

- Magnetic Fishing Rod and Paper Clips
- Art and Craft activities that can be dealt out piece by piece
- Card Games: Snap (use two identical copies of pictures from therapy)
- Card Games: Memory
- Go Fish
- Hide and Seek (use pictures from therapy)
- What's in the Bag?
- Stamps and stickers on charts
- Dibber charts (use Bingo markers to mark picture as reward)
- Post Box (use a shoe box to put cards into)
- Frog Jump (child jumps from lily pad to lily pad saying words)
- Headbands or Heads Up game (use therapy pictures or find your own)

### iApps

I will add a list of my favourite iApps in a separate file.