

What is play?

# What is your childhood memory of play?

- What were you doing?
- Where did it take place?
- With whom?
- How long did it last?
- How does it make you feel at that time?
- Do you recall where the adults were?

PLAY

*is the highest  
form of*

RESEARCH



-Albert Einstein

Myths or facts?



- Play is a waste of time
- Play is only for children
- Technology hinders play
- You can find play equipment in your kitchen
- Babies aren't old enough to play
- You need toys to play
- Play is learning
- Play contributes to life readiness

Why is play  
important?

- Children learn as they discover, Create, improvise and imagine.
- Children Create social groups, test out ideas, Challenge each other's thinking and build new understandings.
- Children Can ask questions, solve problems and engage in Critical thinking through play.
- Play can expand children's thinking and enhance their desire to know and to learn. In these ways play Can promote positive dispositions towards learning.
- Children's immersion in their play illustrates how play enables them to simply enjoy being.

Reference: Early Years Learning Framework [https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/belonging\\_being\\_and\\_becoming\\_the\\_early\\_years\\_learning\\_framework\\_for\\_australia.pdf](https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/belonging_being_and_becoming_the_early_years_learning_framework_for_australia.pdf)

What are  
open-ended  
materials?





What Can you  
find at home?





Bottle lids







# Plastic bottles



the imagination tree



# Pans and pots

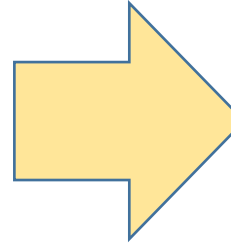


# Cardboard boxes



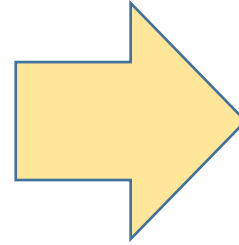


# Egg Cartons





# Keys and locks



## DIY Lock, Hinge, Latches Board





# Playdough recipe and toolkit



## The **BEST** Playdough

**1 cup flour**  
**2 tsp cream of tartar**  
**1/2 cup salt**  
**1 tbsp cooking oil**  
**1 cup water**  
**food coloring**

Mix food coloring with your water first. Then add the vegetable oil and water with food coloring to a large pot. Add the dry ingredients to your pot and mix well. Cook over low to medium heat until the dough starts to form and becomes dry. Once it starts to form a ball take off the heat. Once cool, knead for 5 minutes.

thebestideasforkids.com

Questions to  
use during play

# Open-ended questions

- Open ended questions cannot be responded to with one word answers such as yes or no.
- These types of questions enables a child to provide a more detailed response and encourages a child to stimulate their thinking and develop their language skills.
- Open ended questions supports a child to focus and make meaning of their experiences and enables them to see various possibilities.

Reference: <https://aussiechildcarenetwork.com.au/articles/teaching-children/using-open-ended-questions-with-children>

# Examples of open-ended questions

- Tell me about what you're doing?
- Why do you think...?
- How do you know...?
- What will happen next?
- How did this happen?
- What Can you do about it?
- Why do you say that....
- Can you do it another way?
- What else can you do?
- What does it remind you of?
- I wonder why...
- Why did you...
- How did you do that?
- Show me how you...?



# Online Resources

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## Interactive Learning Tools

[Busythings](#) - a colourful and quirky online resource for ages 3-6 years covering creative development, problem solving, reasoning and numeracy, knowledge and understanding of the world, and communication, language and literacy. Enter your library card number and join in the fun!

[PK Magazine](#) - encourages a love of reading and is aimed at ages 8-12 years. It's a great place where primary school students can express their ideas and thoughts and to share their creativity in words, art, film or music.

[SpineOut](#) - a funky and exciting online magazine for young adults! It includes awesome multimedia content such as writing, book reviews, short films, music, art, photography and so much more! If you are aged 12-19 you can send us your stuff to get published in the magazine!

[Storybox](#) - a vibrant, interactive experience where children can connect, engage and be inspired by a range of quality Australian stories read on film by some wonderfully engaging storytellers. Enter your library card number and enjoy the stories!

[BorrowBox](#) - browse popular children's eBooks and eAudiobooks.

[OverDrive eLibrary 24/7](#) - browse popular children's eBooks and eAudiobooks.

[eBooks Public Library Collection](#) - this general reference collection features fiction titles for children.

<https://www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/libraries/e-library>

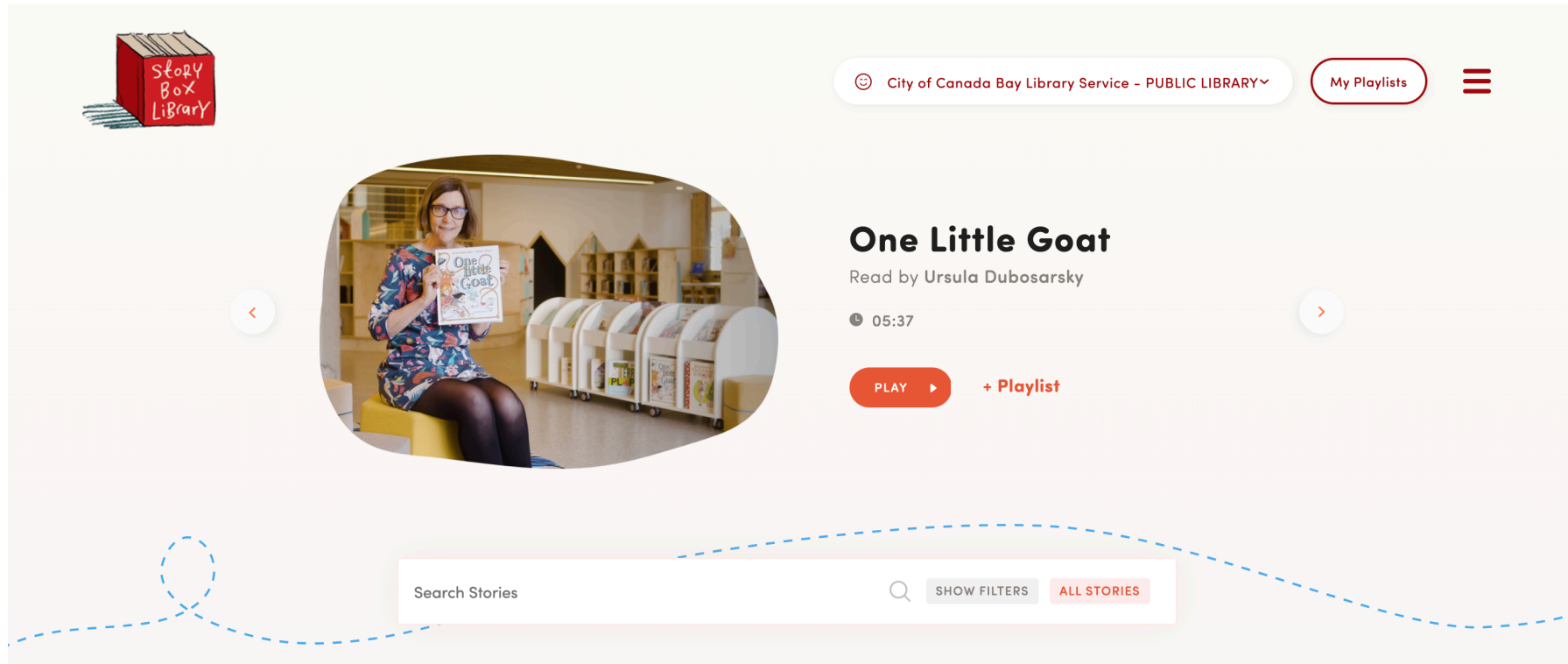
# Online Resources Example 1



[Busy things](https://www.busthings.co.uk/play/?accessid=3669&token=8f6ead1c9bad19764cd1bddd16abfc9231bb53cb8b3edad30a406de3d3824610#)

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# Online Resources Example 2















Story Box


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Let's play!