

Toys That Do Nothing

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Have you ever been shopping for toys and picked up various boxes wondering “What does this toy do?” Well, if you want a toy that will truly encourage interaction and communication then I hope the answer is **nothing**.



If the toy does nothing then the child gets to do everything. He can make whatever noises he wants, organize it according to whatever concept makes sense to him, put the parts in various places, stack it up or knock it down. He could even just push it around in his toy shopping cart. The toy does nothing without the child. No batteries, no second languages, no flashing lights, no automated directions to follow, and no lengthy songs that play without rhyme or reason.

Instead of asking “what does this toy do?” ask yourself “what can my child do with this toy?”

*For the FULL article with specific toy ideas and play-based strategies for learning to talk, go to:
www.letsplaythespeechandlanguageway.com.

