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monkey business

As well as developing two-handed play this game gives the helper hand practice in:

Thumb/finger grasping

Holding

Releasing Reaching





## Monkey

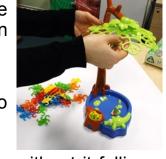
Ask your child to put all the pieces on the table, make sure there are some on both sides.

He/she will first need to attach the branch piece to the base, using the helper hand to stabilise the base and the dominant hand to place the branch.



The small green piece should then be attached to the top of the branch and the larger green leaves magnetically connect to it.

These tasks will require using two hands.



The aim of the game is to attach the monkeys to the tree without it falling down. Your child will need to use one hand to hold the tree and keep it steady while he/she attaches the monkeys with the other hand.



Leaving the monkeys an arm's reach away on your child's helper hand side will encourage him/her to reach and pick up the pieces with that hand.

Your child may need some prompting and encouragement to do this.

Your child may want to put the monkeys on the tree the dominant hand, so he/she can swap hands to do this.

## We hope that your child has lots of fun playing Monkey Business!

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