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Old style phones

Make an old style phone and use it to chat to each other.

You'll need:

- Two plastic cups or tin cans
- A sharp object to punch a hole in the cup/tin can
- A length of string

Method:

- Using a sharp object, carefully make a hole through the bottom of each cup/ can
- Cut the string to the length you want
- Thread one end of the string through

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the hole in the bottom of the cup/can so that the end of the string is inside the cup/can

- Tie a knot in the end of the string so that it doesn't come out of the cup/can
- Repeat this process with the other cup/can
- Your old style phone is now ready
- Each person takes a cup/can
- Walk away from each other until the string is tight but take care not to rip the string from the cup/can
- One person speaks into their phone while the other holds theirs to their ear
- The sound waves will travel along the tight string

Why not?

- Vary the length of the string to see how this changes the results?

The benefits of this activity:

- Playing with your child improves the bond between you
- It will encourage your child to engage in a conversation and to listen carefully
- It will also teach your child the importance of taking turns



CAUTION:

Make sure the cans are clean with no sharp edges! Children must be supervised when using string!