

Friday's Challenge - Make believe

Activity 7 – Run a café

Create a café for toys or your household

What to do

Create the café together. You can lay a table, add tableware and finishing touches like flowers.

- Use play items, make things or use imagination for food, placemats, a kitchen area etc.
- Create a menu with food and prices written and/or drawn on.
- Create an open/closed sign and open the café for business.

Play cafés, taking turns to take orders, make food, serve, clean up and to be customers.

What you need

Table and chairs

Tableware – plates, cups, cutlery, cloth

Play food, play till, (optional)

Notepad and pencil, apron, 'cooking' area, paper and pens



Extension

Take the dining al fresco and set up the café in an outside space. The café could serve barbeque food or be by the seaside.

Play with real coins, counting out pennies to pay for food.

Serve some real food, making sandwiches or serving biscuits or fruit.

Think of a name for the café and make a sign.

Questions to ask

- What will we need to open a café?
- What food shall we put on the menu? How much should we charge for orange juice?
- What would make the table look nice?
- When will the café open/close?
- Can you make a cheese sandwich?
- What are you serving today?
- Which pudding do you recommend?
- How much is my bill?