

Mathematical moments: Measures with babies

Big and little versions of objects



Shabnam is key person to Sofia (18 months). Sofia rarely chooses to play outdoors and so Shabnam is encouraging her to explore the outdoor space by highlighting some of the activities that



Sofia enjoys indoors. She exploits the advantage of outdoor environments being able to offer much larger scale play when offering Sofia choices: 'Do you want the *big* spade or the *little* spade?' 'Look *little* blocks like inside ... and *big* blocks!' Sofia eventually leaves Shabnam's side to chase after a football. Shabnam comments, '*Big* ball'. When they return indoors it is lunch time. Shabnam offers Sofia some cutlery and comments, 'You've chosen a *little* spoon'.