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**8.5 Understanding sentences containing ‘either’ and ‘or’**

**Why is this important?  
‘Either’ and ‘or’ constructions are an integral part of making choices or  
decisions/used frequently in everyday situations (e.g. in school, the teacher  
may say ‘You can either play with the sand or the water’; at home, mum may  
say ‘You can either have milk or juice’). The more this can be emphasised in  
everyday life, the better.**

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What to do  
• Gather together a selection of toys or pictures.  
• Ask the child to point to something, e.g.  
★ ‘Point to either teddy or monkey.’  
★ ‘Point to either the slide or the swing.’  
★ ‘Give the cup to either the girl or the boy.’**