Remembering games

Shopping basket
Start by saying something like: ‘Mr Smith went shopping and bought a bottle of milk.’ Ask one of the children to repeat what you said and add another item. For example: ‘Mr Smith went shopping and bought a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread.’ As you go around the circle, keep adding items. ‘Mr Smith bought a bottle of milk, a loaf of bread and some apples.’

Going on holiday
Begin by describing something Mrs Brown did on holiday. ‘Mrs Brown went on holiday and ate some ice cream.’ The next child should add a holiday activity and remember what went before. For example: ‘Mrs Brown ate an ice cream and went swimming.’

Birthday presents
The same idea again, but this time the list describes the presents someone got for their birthday. For example: ‘For his birthday, John got a toy car, a cricket bat and scarf.’

Same sound
Change the format a little by having children choose something that begins with the same sound as their name. ‘Jude went shopping and bought some juice.’ ‘Billy went shopping and bought some butter.’

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Make it easier
Have a range of objects or pictures in a basket for the children to pull out and hold.

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