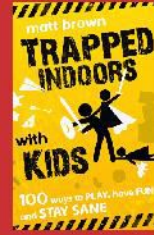


# SHOPKEEPER

This is a single activity from the book *Trapped Indoors with Kids - 100 ways to play, have fun and stay sane - find out more on [Amazon](#). It is only 99p!*



The town has been crying out for new varieties of shop. Today's new business venture is a perfumed-pebble boutique. Your child has spotted a gap in the market and really feels that it's a goer. 'Shopkeeper' is a game that combines imagination and creativity. It's different every time you play, and it comes with the added advantage of allowing you to come and go—ideal if you're multi-tasking around the house.

## YOU WILL NEED

- A play-plank or other flat surface to be a counter/display top
- Various random objects for your child to sell at extortionate rates (don't worry, your child will hunt around and procure most of these).
- Paper and pencils
- Some loose change

## HOW TO PLAY

1. Find an appropriate place for your child to set out their stall. A play-plank (plank of wood that's been planed and sanded around the edges) between two chairs will do, or a table or window sill.
2. Kick-start the process by suggesting a few interesting items that your child may wish to sell. My girls like to raid my bowl of decorative stones to sell as precious gems. They are robust enough for me not to worry, and yet look sufficiently exotic to enthuse my girls.
3. Encourage your child to think of other things they might like to sell. Pretty soon, the shop will take on a life of its own as your child thinks of ever-more bizarre items to draw in clientele.
4. Suggest creating a sign for the shop, or an open/close notice. This will often occupy your child for a good stretch as they will want to get their branding and decor just right!
5. When the shop is complete, pop by every now and then to browse their wares and make the odd purchase.