

Tess and Bess Colouring Activity

Share the picture or print two copies and have one each.

This simple activity is great for developing listening, understanding and talking. It also helps to reinforce vocabulary, for example clothing and colours, with opportunities to hear and practise using the words.

It is also good for hearing and practising saying words with /s/ blends (snowball, skirt, scarf, spots, stripes).

This activity is linked to the Christmas freebie activity *Tess and Bess get dressed* and the *Clickety Early Soundplay* book *Tess and Bess in the Snow*.

Talk about the picture:

- Comment on what Bess is wearing.
- What is Tess wearing? Is it the same or different?
- Compare the two scarves – one has spots and one has stripes.
- Point out the snowballs - has the child ever seen or played out in snow?

Then colour the picture:

- Take it in turns to tell each other what to do.
- You tell the child what to colour, for example "Colour Tess's skirt orange."
- Then the child tells you what to do, for example "Colour Tess's tail red."
- You can make the instructions simple "Colour Bess's scarf green" or more complex "Colour Bess's scarf purple with red spots."

Keep listening and chatting throughout the activity.

Colour in Tess and Bess.

