**Why is play important?**

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Answer to 1.1

Play is a …………. role to a child’s learning and ……………. It is an essential part of a child's learning ………………. .   
……………………… can develop many ……………… through the power of………………….   
They develop their language and communication skills, sharing and …………………… and their creativity and ........................  
Play helps to encourage problem solving, reading, writing, maths and so much more.

Play helps children to understand the ……………… around them and develop their sense of belonging.