The Queen who’d never tried pizza

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Ideas for encouraging pretend play for 3 to 5 year olds at home, crèche or pre-school.

Linked to the video ‘Let’s get cooking’
[www.youtube.com/user/dlrofficial](http://www.youtube.com/user/dlrofficial)
Let’s get cooking!

Using the pretend props created in the video ‘Let’s get cooking’;

You could:

- Set up a play kitchen, using a box to make an oven and paper plates to serve the food on.

- The play kitchen could be extended to be a café or restaurant – using little tables or chairs for the customers. The children might choose to be a waiter, with an apron and clipboard to ‘write’ down the orders. You could make a clipboard with some firm cardboard and large paper clip or clothes-peg.

- Set up a Teddy Bear’s picnic with some soft toys, paper plates and the salt-dough foods.

- When setting up the play kitchen you could talk about different kinds of foods, healthy foods we should eat every day and more sugary foods we can have occasionally for a treat.