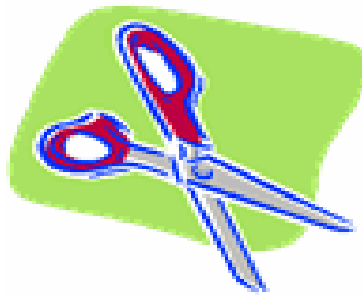


## Developing Scissors Skills



- ❖ **Scissors grasp:** encourage your child to use the preferred hand (the thumb is inserted in one loop, while the middle and /ring are inserted in the other. Encourage your child to use both hands while cutting. The 'doing' hand (the preferred hand) is grasping the scissors and cutting while the 'helping' hand is holding /steering the playdough/paper
- ❖ **Start with more resistive materials,** first playdough which can be lots of fun. Roll the playdough into a snake and cut it into 4 pieces or as many as you want.
- ❖ Try Cutting straws /shredded paper/junk mail
- ❖ Begin with card and move to paper
- ❖ When cutting out shapes work from easy to more challenging. Start with cutting straight lines: then squares: curvy lines: circular shapes are more challenging.