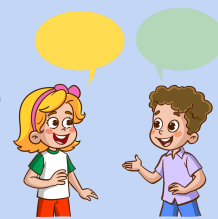




# Top Tips for Speech and Language Development



## Attention

Make sure you've got your child's attention before speaking, e.g., cueing them in by name.



## Play

Follow your child's lead and play with toys they are interested in. Share interest in what they're looking at or playing with. Don't be afraid to play the same game or play with the same toy lots of times.



## Talking

Talk to your child lots, e.g., talking about what you're doing, where you're going, what you can see. Add a commentary to what your child is doing, e.g. "Tommy you are pushing the blue car, brm brm". Repeat back a longer and correct version of what your child says to extend their sentences and repeat key words and phrases.



## Story Time

Look at books together and point out different characters, objects etc. Talk about emotions, for example if a character is sad name the emotion and why, e.g. "Spot is sad he lost his ball" and show your child the corresponding facial expression.



## Vocabulary

Always name what you are speaking about and avoid saying "This one". When giving choices name the item "The blue cup or the red cup" instead of "This one or this one". Describe objects to your child and use visuals to support.



## Speech

If your child produces a word wrong, model it back to them correctly, without saying they have said it wrong.



## Time

Give your child time to respond to questions and statements to help them process the information and think about their response.