



# Parent Top Tips for Communicating!

Simple ways to support your child's language and communication skills

Make sure you have your child's attention before you speak to them.

Get Face to Face with your child during everyday activities. This encourages communication.

See it, Say it!  
Name the things you see and talk about what is happening around you.

Comment on what you or your child is doing. This helps them to understand what words and sentences mean.

Try not to ask too many questions.

This can make children feel tested. Try making comments instead.

E.g. instead of asking 'what did you draw?', comment "I like your drawing. I wonder what it is.."

Be Silly!  
This will encourage your child to stay talking with you and take turns.

Wait!  
Give your child time to start a conversation or reply when you ask them something.

Count to 10 in your head!

Listen and follow your child's lead in what they want to talk about!

Model the right way to say tricky words e.g. if your child says "my tar", you could say, "yes it's your car!"

Repeat new words again and again!