

# TOP TIPS FOR TALKING

## **Get down to your child's level**

Sit with your child and do things together. Children learn most effectively when there is a mix of child and adult led activities in their day.

## **Reduce screen time**

Watch it together, talk about the programme and turn it off afterwards.

## **Give Choices**

By offering a choice of two activities, you are modelling good sentence structures. E.g. would you like to play on your swing, or on your bike?

## **Enjoy playing together**

5-10 minutes a few times a week can be so much fun. Enjoy making memories.

**Comment** on what you are both looking at. i.e. say what you see. Try to avoid using too many questions so that you are modelling language and not stopping play too often with too many questions.

## **Do things together**

You can be playing, or baking together. Whoever is in charge, enjoy talking and doing together.

## **Model words**

**correctly.** Listen to what your child says. Say the correct word back.

e.g. 'wed'  
'yes it is 'red'.

## **Share books and Sing nursery rhymes**

Repetition of books and songs are so important for language development.



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