

Top Tips for Speech and Language Development



- Let your child choose a toy



- Copy their ideas, actions and sounds

- Sit where your child can see your face



- Give your child extra silence – wait for them to communicate with words/sounds/gestures/eye contact

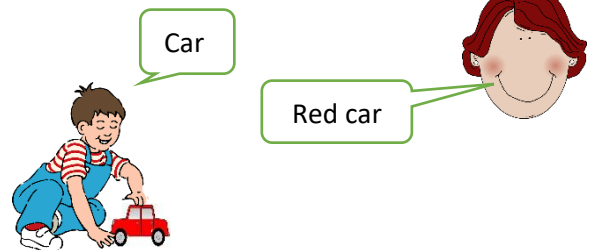
- Wait for your child to give eye contact before you respond



- Avoid asking lots of questions



- Name what your child is playing with e.g., 'car'



- Listen and repeat what your child says to provide an adult model e.g., child says 'tar' you say 'car'

- Repeat what your child says and add a word e.g., child says 'car', you say 'red car' or 'car driving'

- Praise and reinforce your child's ideas

