Supporting Speech, Language and Communication at Home

Simple, everyday ways to build your child's communication skills

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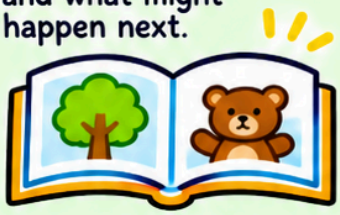
Talk and listen together

Chat about what you're doing, seeing and feeling, and really listen to what your child says.



Share stories

Read and enjoy books together. Talk about the pictures, characters and what might happen next.



Play and pretend

Play together (e.g. shop, café, doctors or small world). It's a fun way to build language and ideas.



Model and extend language

Repeat what your child says and add a little more.

Child: "Dog running." → You could say: "Yes, the big dog is running quickly!"

Enjoy intensive interaction

Have short, playful moments of back-and-forth, following your child's lead. You might copy their sounds, actions or play, take turns and share attention.



Give time to talk

Pause after you ask a question so your child has time to think and respond.



Also try...

- Sing songs and nursery rhymes.
- Talk about everyday routines (e.g. getting dressed, mealtimes, getting ready for school).
- Use simple pictures or a list to help with routines.



Remember...

You don't need special resources or lots of extra time. Warm, fun and responsive conversations and everyday play make a big difference.