

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

Use everyday activities at home to develop your child's talking (expressive language skills)



Think about the activities you carry out every day, e.g. bath time, dinner time, reading books, baking and use these ideas:

- **Model language for your child.** Talk about what you are doing (as a commentary), seeing, hearing or feeling, e.g. "Oh no, The girl tripped over and hurt her knee!". This could be commenting on pictures in books or on TV.



- **Repeat back and provide the correct language** if your child makes a mistake when they say something, e.g. child says: "Mary putted his socks" you say: "Yes, Mary *put* her socks on!"



- **Expand on what your child says** and use opportunities to model use of connectives (and/but/because) to extend their sentences, e.g. Child says: "Wash hands, hands dirty." You say: "You're washing your hands *because* they are dirty"

- If your child has difficulty organising what they want to say, **provide a structure**. E.g. "First tell me where you did your baking" "Now tell me who you went with"



- You could try to **focus on some of their targets** (from intervention plans) by **using this language in your daily activities**. For example, if your child needs to practise using the past tense, talk about what you have done earlier in the day and emphasise these parts, e.g. "We *played* with lego. You *built* a big tower"

Encourage any attempt your child makes to communicate and give them plenty of time to get their message across



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