



Ideas To Develop Early Language

- **Talk** to your child when you are playing together.
- Have fun with **nursery rhymes and songs**, especially those with actions.
- Encourage your child to **listen to different** sounds in the environment such as cars, animals and the telephone.
- Gain your **child's** attention and eye contact when you want to talk together.
- Encourage the child to **communicate in any way**, not just words e.g. pointing, copying actions/noises.
- **Name** what your child points to.
- Give your child **choices** e.g. 'do you want milk or juice?'
- **Talk about things as they happen** e.g. playing at home, daily routines-bathtime, mealtimes.
- Use **short sentences**.
- Listen carefully and give that your child **time to communicate**.
- Take **turns to speak**.

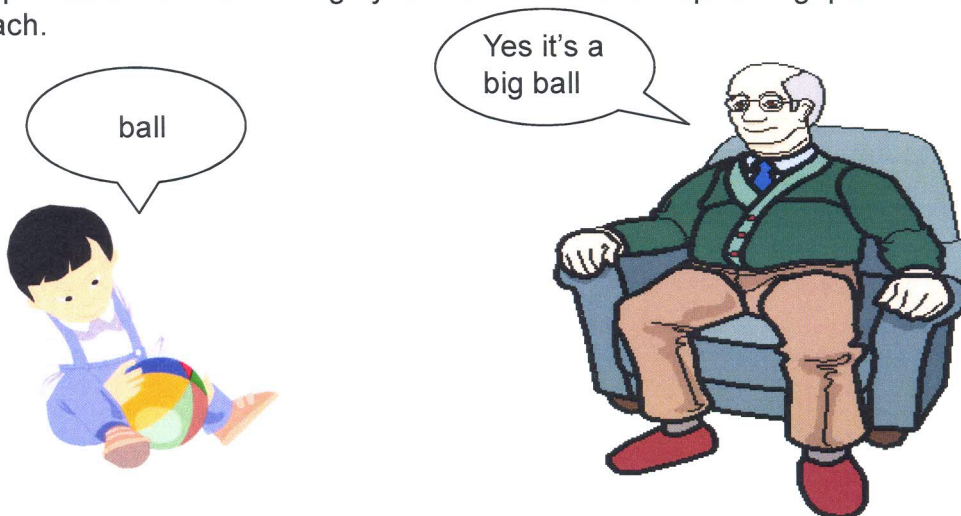
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- Always give a response when your child tries to communicate.
- Add **one or two words** to the child's sentence e.g. child says ' ball', adult replies ' yes, it's a big ball'
- Model** the correct pronunciation or use of language if your child says something incorrectly e.g.' goggy bited it', the adult says ' yes the dog bit it'
- Have a **special** time with your child each day to play with toys and picture books.
- Use lots of **repetition** e.g. shoes off, blue shoes, mummy's shoes etc.
- Setup **situations** to encourage your child to make a request e.g. put the biscuits out of reach.



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