

1 Be Face to face with your child so you can pick up the non-verbal messages they send you.

2 Have 5 minutes special time with your child. Play with your child with no background noise. Comment on what they do and say.

3 Watch, Wait & Listen to what your child does & says. Give them time to respond.

4 Model words back that are unclear, but do not correct them.

Ten Top Tips for Talking

5 Use a variety of word types i.e. describing words, action words (kick run), labels.

6 Copy your child's noises & attempts at words.



7 Limit dummy/bottle use to bedtime from one year of age.

8 Follow your child's interest - they learn more that way.

9 Sing nursery rhymes slowly & with actions so your child can join in too.

10 Expand what your child says
e.g. child: car
Adult: blue car