

Parent Information

Language acquisition of all children occurs gradually through interaction with people and the environment. So promote your children's language skills in everyday settings and during the daily routines and activities.

- speak directly to your child (face-to-face communication)
- pay attention to the way in which your child communicates
listen to the sounds / words and respond so that your child knows you are listening
- imitate your child's actions but eliminate "baby talk" from your vocabulary
(corrective feedback)
- speak in short sentences using simple words
- expose your child to language that is slightly above the current level
- encourage your child to develop new vocabulary by explaining what you are doing as you work and commenting on what others are doing, seeing or hearing
- encourage attempts and show excitement for you child's accomplishments
- sing to your child (for example: nursery rhymes)
- be aware that you always communicate non-verbal too; means that verbal and non-verbal communication must fit together