



## 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

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