



Manchester Local Care Organisation

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

Advice for Parents and Carers:

Parent and Child Interaction:

Add New Experiences and New Words

<i>Top Strategies</i>	<i>How this Helps</i>
<i>Copy the child's sounds and words.</i>	<p>Using the same sounds and words your child uses helps encourage them to keep trying.</p> <p>Try making animal or vehicle sounds to see if they copy you!</p>
Increase your child's language: Add more words	<p><i>By adding a little bit extra on to your child's words you are helping them to learn new words that they may then copy.</i></p> <p>Add more words to your child's speech.</p> <p>This helps them understand and encourages them to use more words. For example, if your child says "Car," you can say, "Yes, a big car."</p>
Figure out what your child is trying to say.	<p><i>Letting your child hear the correct way to say the words that they are trying in a positive way, will encourage them to practice saying words.</i></p> <p>Look at all the ways your child is communicating with their body –their voice, their facial expression, their gestures.</p> <p>What are they trying to communicate?</p> <p>Say the words that your child is trying to communicate – this provides a language model.</p> <p>For example, if your child reaches for their cup and makes a sound with their voice, you can say the words: "Want juice? OK." Then give your child the cup.</p>

	Don't make your child copy your speech.
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