

## 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

Top Strategies	How this Helps
<b>Copy the child's sounds and words.</b>	<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>
<b>Increase your child's language: Add more words</b>	<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 <b>big</b> car."</p>
<b>Figure out what your child is trying to say.</b>	<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.