

## 7) Repeat and Extend

- Use the words your child uses and then extend by adding another word.

ex: Child says 'teddy', Adult says 'soft teddy bear'

## 8) Help your child learn and say new words by giving choices

- Adult says, "would you like an orange or a banana?"

## 9) Model back the correct word, never 'correct or state they have said it wrong'

- Child says "a pish", Adult says "Yes it's a **fish**"

## 10) Encourage your child to listen and name different sounds around him/her.

Aeroplanes, birds, trains, sirens, doorbell or animals

- Name the origin of sound and repeat the sound.

- Play sound games



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# TOP TIPS

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# Talking



1) **Try and have special time with your child each day.** You can:

- Give positive attention to your child
- Have time to relax and enjoy your child
- Encourage your child to play and learn new skills

2) **Help your child to gain listening skills by turning off the TV or music during your play times**

- Background noise can make it difficult for a child to concentrate on the sounds or words they are trying to use.



3) **Talk to your child when you are doing daily activities.** (Shopping, bath time, mealtime, getting ready to go out etc)

- Name what is happening and comment on what they are doing. You will be adding words to their vocabulary.
- They will make more sense to the child as they will be in the 'here and now'

4) **Sit face to face with your child and join in with their play.**

- Joint attention episodes with your child are key to helping them achieve well in literacy and communication through life.

5) **Have fun daily with Nursery rhymes and simple songs.**

- Children must learn to recognise rhythm and rhyme first before they can hear and recognise sounds in the alphabet.
- Pick rhymes with actions as they support vocabulary understanding

6) **Wait and give time for your child to talk!**

- Listen to what they say and take turns
- Don't be afraid of silent moments, That is your child's thinking time!

- Keep your language at your child's level.

