

Communication and Language Leaflet

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Focus this month:

Learning New Words



talk



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Listen



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Look



Look

Two fingers are slightly apart

Why is learning new words important?

Development - Improving language skills has a positive effect on a child's self-esteem and is a crucial part of their development. It also enables them to develop the literacy needed to succeed at school.

Social skills - Being able to use more language will mean children can interact more and create friendships through conversation and play.

Behaviour - When children can express how they feel, they may feel less frustrated.

You can help your child to develop good talking skills if you...

Says a few words.

Comment on what your child is looking at or doing with one word.

Repeat, repeat, repeat!

Your child needs to hear a word many times to remember it.

Says some 2/3 word phrases.

Give your child words instead of asking for them. Keep adding words to what your child is saying and giving them new words!

Says many single words.

Add words to what they are saying. If your child says 'dog', say 'happy dog', 'dog running' or 'small dog'.

Narrate play.

Talk about what your child is doing, looking at, and how they are feeling.

Reading together.

Look through books or magazines together, talk about what you can see and what is happening. Talk about the pictures and expand the children's ideas by adding new words to ones they know.

Sing together.

Children love songs and rhymes, and they can help language to develop.

Give choices.

Ask things like "Shall we play with the bricks or the cars?" and show the objects when you say the words.

What's in the bag?

Easy:
Name the
objects or see if
your child can
name them

Harder:
Talk about what
the objects are
used for and see
if your child can
guess the object

It's a fork



You use it to
eat your dinner with

It's got a
handle and
spikey bits to
pick up food

Hardest:
Describe what
the object feels
like and see if
your child can
name them



Collect some everyday
objects and put them
in the bag

e.g. spoon, shoe,
blocks, cup, book,
nappy

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This spoon could be ...

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