

My child is saying some words. How can I help them to say more? What about helping them to join words together?



Why?

Through experience of the world and hearing words, your child will begin to understand. But, they will need to hear words over and over before they can say them.

Add Words

What can I do?

- Watch for when your child is interested in something. What is your child trying to tell you?
- This is your chance to add some new words or information.
- Add a word to go with what your child says.
E.g. Child "stuck"
Adult "car is stuck"
- Then use a short sentence to help your child learn more about the world e.g. "It's too big"

We can add information when....

...our child wants something

- When your child wants a drink, fruit, a toy, the T.V on - hold it back for a few extra seconds. If your child makes a sound, you say the word (e.g. "apple")
- If your child uses a word, say that word and add another word ("ice cream ... want an ice cream")



...when something unusual happens

- If a fork drops, there's a loud noise or something is missing, it surprises us and gets our interest. Copy their sounds, gestures, noises or words. Add some more words to help them learn something new.



Use different types of words

Describing words, e.g. hot, big
Action words, e.g. drink, wash
Feelings, e.g. happy, sad, tired
Location words e.g. in, on, up

