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Increasing Communication At Home

Tips for increasing communication and building language at home. For additional resources or training, contact your child's Speech Language Pathologist.



Give Wait Time

Wait 10-20 seconds for your child to answer your question before jumping in. This gives them time to process what they want to say!

Model/Repeat New Words

Repeat new words verbally or using a picture symbol to teach new vocabulary. You can also define new words for your child.





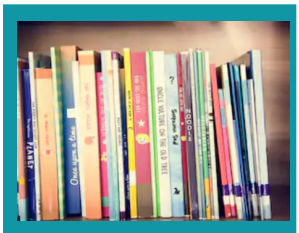
Ask Open Ended Questions

This allows your child the opportunity to say whatever they want - if it doesn't make sense, provide meaning (make it make sense!)

Use Simple Sentences

Keep your sentences short and to the point to help your child understand what is expected.





Read, Read, and Read Some More

Read books, read magazines, read street signs! The more you read, the more language your child will have exposure to and the more likely they are to improve their own reading skills and develop a love for books.

Play and/or Create

Set aside time to focus on playing with toys, playing games with others, or doing crafts and projects. These types of activities are highly motivating and fun for kids while building higher level language and vocabulary skills.



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