




Talking; using language to express ourselves

Paediatric Community Speech and Language Therapy

<p>All about talking!</p>	<p>We talk and develop lots of words so we can understand the world, communicate needs and feelings, interact with others, and develop speaking and listening skills.</p> <p>Enriching a child’s vocabulary will support understanding of written words as they mature.</p> <p>Building this skill for all children is important because vocabulary development during preschool years is related to later reading skills and school success.</p>	
<p>How to help</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about everything with your child, modelling new and interesting words, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the child’s environment – home, surroundings, family (nouns) – their experiences – what they are doing (verbs) – things that they are interested in – things they need to know (curriculum words) • Read books with pictures together. Point out what is happening in the pictures and describe it using simple words and phrases. It’s great if your child wants to read the same books a lot. This gives them lots of opportunities to hear the same words. • If a child makes an error in their talking, just say the correct word back to them – don't ask them to copy you, or directly highlight the error as this can affect their confidence. • It’s easier for children to learn new words in context e.g. being able to see and hear a 'flute' whilst hearing the word makes stronger connections and is easier to remember. • Remember to use real words. • Children learn by observing others, so it is essential that we talk to them. 	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <p>Remember to...</p> <p>Praise your child when they take part or put effort in</p> <p>Say your child’s name before you speak</p> <p>Keep practice fun</p> </div>		
<p>Helpful links</p>	<p><u>Tiny Happy People: using picture books</u></p> 	<p><u>NHS Tips: strategies for each age</u></p> 
	<p><u>Tiny happy People: talking at mealtimes</u></p> 	<p><u>The Hanen Centre: Tips for parents</u></p> 