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## Supporting speech and language development

Building a partnership in supporting your child

**Developing listening skills** is key to developing speech and language skills.

Try these games at home:-

\*Be sound detectives going on a sound walk to 'hunt down' as many different sounds as you can hear.

\*Play treasure hunt - where you ask your child to find an item to put in the 'treasure box' giving the instruction just once. If your child finds this easy extend to 2 or 3 items.

\*Play sound lotto. A fun online, animal version can be found at <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/AnimalBingo.html>

\*Sing songs together that encourage listening, such as 'Here we go round the mulberry bush' or 'The wheels on the bus.'



### Some useful links.

A range of games to support communication can be found at

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/activity?activity\\_type=game&learning\\_area=communication](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/activity?activity_type=game&learning_area=communication)

For further information about how language develops during Key Stage One you may find the following link useful -

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/ages-and-stages/5-7-years>

and for Reception -

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/ages-and-stages/4-5-years>

Additional information can also be found at <http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/parents.aspx>

## Top Tips -

\*Make sure time is made to spend with your child. They will be looking to you to learn through listening, watching, copying and interacting.

\*Speech and language development happens through first hand experiences. Pastimes such as watching television encourage passive engagement and should be moderated.

\*When talking with your child put things in context so that they make sense. Give enough time to respond. Avoid answering for your child.

\*When playing with your child add vocabulary to the conversation, for example 'the red car needs petrol from the petrol station', rather than asking too many questions, for example 'where is the car going?'

<http://www.ditton-inf.kent.sch.uk/learning.php>

This weblink contains:-

- a wide range of suggested websites that support learning at home
- an overview of learning for your child's class.



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## Top tips for supporting learning at home

- Make it fun.
- Hide the learning in a game.
- Play together.
- Add rewards/incentives.
- Short, sharp, regular sessions.