



Top Tips - Expressive Language

Give me time to think and respond.

Repeat what I say so I hear a clear model of what I have said.

Keep your language simple. phrases that are one word longer than ones I use.

Follow my lead. Observe what I am interested in and join in too. Repeat back and extend what I say (use one more word).

Support my understanding of language by using visuals, gestures, signs and objects of reference.

Comment on what I am doing. Use simple phrases, if I know lots of nouns start to add in some verbs.

Share books with me relating to my interests. Make books with photos that are about me.

Model language I may need to use.

Leave gaps for me to fill in, in songs, and conversations.

Speak slowly.

Get down to my level and play with me.

Avoid asking me too many questions.

Create a quiet space for communication.