

How To...

Support Spoken Language

Model language including:

- Examples of what a child could say
- Comments on what a child is doing
- Correct sentence structure
- Adding more detail

Encourage the child to use another method of communication when they don't have the right words...

- By showing you
- By drawing what they mean
- By describing it
- By acting out the word
- By using visuals

Use visuals...

- Sentence Strips
- Chat Mats
- Story boards

Ask questions to find out more information about what the child is saying



Encourage children to ask for help

Provide specific praise...

“That was a great describing word”

Use sentence starters

“The lady was excited because...”

Provide ‘thinking time’ - time and silence for the child to think about what they want to say