

How to... model language using a core board



Prepare

- Familiarise yourself with the core board.
- Keep practicing – it can be complicated at first.
- Plan words needed for different activities, lessons and conversations to ensure they are available to the child.

Model

- Use spoken language, pointing to the core words as you say them.
- Model language one level above the child's level.
 - e.g., If a child uses one word, model two words.
- Use key words and short phrases.
 - e.g., 'Now it's time to tidy up'.



Focus on common verbs, pronouns, and adjectives as well as nouns.

- Focus on modelling core vocabulary.



Take your time and allow mistakes.

- Say what you are doing out loud and show the child how to fix it and.



Teach operational skills.

- Teach the child how to navigate the core board by turning pages of fringe vocab (if being used) and pointing to symbols.

