

# How to Support Your Child's Speech & Language Development at Home

## Read a book together

Ask your child questions about the story and teach any new vocabulary. Find pictures to represent any unfamiliar words.



## Create a scrapbook

Use old catalogues to cut out pictures which begin with your child's target sound.



## Play corners

Put different speech sounds in each corner of the room, when your child hears a word they run to the corner that displays the initial sound.



## Go shopping

Play the memory game 'I went to the shop and I bought' see how many items your child can remember.

## Do a treasure hunt

Your child will have to find items around the house which begin with their target sound and name them.



## Our Top 10 Tips! One a Day

### Oral-motor activities

Do a range of oral-motor activities which will strengthen the muscles and raise awareness in the mouth: blowing bubbles, licking jam from either side of the mouth, blow painting, or using straws to blow a ping pong ball across the finish line.



## Play a listening game

Give your child step-by-step instructions of how to draw a picture. For example: 1. Draw a house. 2. Colour the door green. 3. Draw four clouds in the sky. 4. Draw a bird below the first cloud. 5. Draw a garage to the left of the house.

## Sequence everyday scenarios

Allow your child to make themselves a sandwich. Then ask them to verbally explain what they did using first, next, then and last. Remind them to speak in full sentences.



## The aim game

Write a sentence which includes your child's target sound and hide it under a bucket. The aim of the game is to knock all of the buckets over using a ball.



## Play Charades

Ask your child to think of a word which begins with their target sound and tell them to keep it a secret. They then do actions which enable you to guess their word.

