

Easy Speech & Language Strategies

Self talk

Talk out loud about what you are doing

Sign Language

Teach early sign language

Simplify

Use shorter phrases or sentences

Parallel talk

Talk out loud about what your child is doing

Expand

Expand on what your child says by saying one more word

Model

Use good speech and language

Repetition

Repeat words over several times

1 at a time

Give only 1 item at a time so they ask for more

Give 2 choices

Do you want ____ or ____?

Imitation

Teach them to copy you

wait

Pause and give them time to respond

Sabotage

Set it up so the child needs your help

Make comments

Make more statements than questions

Open-ended questions

Use "wh" instead of yes/no

Out of reach

Let them ask for what they want

Say it back

Repeat back with stress on the correct word

Play

Engage in play - this is a great way to model new words.

Read

Naming pictures, have point to pictures, turn pages.

Acceptance

Accept any attempt that your child makes to communicate.

Sing Songs

Face to Face

Make good eye contact with your child when he's talking.