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Speech and Language Message of the Week

Did you know?

A child needs to hear a word at least **12 times** to learn it!

Try to comment on your child is doing rather than questioning e.g. *what's teddy doing?* becomes ***teddy's sleeping***

Add a word to what your child says to help them extend their language

Child: "cat!"
Adult: "yes, **spotty** cat"
or "wow, cat **jumping**"

TOP TIPS FOR DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD'S LANGUAGE SKILLS

Repeat new words

"it's a plane, the plane is white, the plane is flying"

Encourage your child to ask for an activity…

- Give food bit by bit
- Stop during a favourite game or activity
- Put a favourite toy out of reach

Give a small amount and wait…

Did you know?

- A child should say their **first word** at around the age of **1**
- Children start to put **two words together** between age 2 and 2yrs 6 months

If you have concerns about your child's talking, please **talk to a Speech and Language Therapist** – you can call our advice line on 07512 716 478 (it's open Monday to Friday from 1-4pm).

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