

Ideas for young children

We can build talking together into everyday opportunities – even putting the shopping away can be a fun time!

We can talk to our baby right from the start – it helps us both to bond

We can respond to what they say and comment on what is happening, rather than always asking questions

We can help them to pay attention to our voice by getting down to their level and turning the TV off when playing

TV's better when you watch it with me and talk to me about it

I like it when you see the world through my eyes and talk about what interests me

We can talk in sentences one word longer than theirs, e.g. they say 'dog', we say 'dog's running'

We can use photos or real objects to help support what we say to children

We can give our children lots of encouragement and praise for trying to talk

