

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Learning Words in Play

Why?

Children learn to talk as they play.
To help them, adults need to join in with their play.
Adults should use only 1 or 2 words at a time.

How?

Join In and Play

Play like a child
Use fun sounds and words
Use the toys but don't take over.
Show pretend play.



If your child is just using sounds or 1 word at a time then;

Imitate

Copy your child's actions, facial expressions, sounds or words.

Interpret

Work out what your child is trying to communicate
Say the word that your child would say if they could.

Comment

Say something about what your child is doing or saying at that very moment.
Just say one word.