

How is my child using their language?

Types of communication	How does my child communicate this now?	Examples of useful phrases to model
Commenting – Describing the world around them.		• “It’s stuck!” • “It’s really tall!” • “Look at this!” • “This one is pink”. • “There’s another ...” • “There’s a ...”
Help – Asking for help		• “I need help!” • “Help me please!” • “Fix it please!”
Transitions – Requesting a new activity – Talking about what’s going to happen next. – Explaining that the current activity is over.		• “What’s next?” • “Time for...” • “It’s ... time!” • “Let’s do some ...” • “We did it”
Shared joy – Sharing that they are enjoying an activity.		• “I love it.” • “This is fun!” • “That’s so cool!” • “I’m so happy”
Protests – Saying no. – Telling someone that they are feeling uncomfortable or overwhelmed.		• “I don’t like it”. • “Stop doing that”. • “That hurts my (arm)”. • “I don’t want that”. • “It’s too (noisy)”. • “That is too (bright)”. • “I need space”
New situations – Processing thoughts and feelings about change and transitions		• “This is new” • “I’m thinking about what’s going to happen”. • “I feel worried”. • “I feel excited”