

Make up a story together – think of a character, where does he live, where does he go today, what does he do, are there any problems and what happens in the end.

Play around with rhyme e.g. 'cat, fat, hat, splat.... any more?' It's an important skill for reading.



Introduce new words and phrases that help your child to continue learning. Think of lots of different words that mean a similar thing e.g. 'big', 'huge', 'enormous'.

Talking Together

Get your child to think of words that belong to the same category, for example as many different animals or types of food as you can think of.



Playing board games which involve taking turns helps to develop listening skills.

Play around with words and sounds, e.g. think of words that begin with the same sound.

Here are some ideas that you can try at home to support your child's language development. We will be doing lots of these activities when your child starts school.

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Join your child in pretend play. Play alongside them, let them take the lead. Listen and talk about what they are saying and doing rather than asking lots of questions.