Ways to Help Your Child

- Put aside a little time every day to play together.
- Before you ask them a question call your child’s name to make sure they’re listening.
- Watch what your child plays with - then join in.
- Keep adding new words to what your child says.
- Give them choices e.g. “Do you want milk or juice” to help learn new words.
- Remember to talk about the things you do together e.g. going to the shops or playgroup.

If you’re worried about your child’s speech and language development you can contact your local Speech and Language Therapy Department.

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Now You’re 2

A Guide to Speech and Language Development between 2 and 2 1/2 years

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NOW YOU’RE 2 YOU’LL PROBABLY BE......

- Using between 20 and 50 words and sometimes even more!
- Starting to use two words together e.g. “more juice”
- Understanding sentences with 2 key words e.g. “give teddy some juice”
- Using most of these sounds in your speech ...........
  m,n,p,b,t,d,w,k,ng,h

BUT BY 2 ½ YEARS YOU’LL BE SAYING SO MUCH MORE......

- Around 100 words or maybe more.
- Putting 2 words together nearly all the time e.g. “daddy car”. You might even try putting three words together e.g. “daddy drink juice”
- Pretending to play everyday activities e.g. shopping or cooking tea and telling short stories while you play.

WHY NOT HAVE SOME FUN AND PLAY THIS GAME?

What’s in the Feelie Bag?

Put some coloured picture cards into a special bag.

Take turns to pick a card and say what’s on it. Try singing a song or saying something new about the picture e.g. if it’s a cow, talk about the noise it makes and where it lives or try singing “Old Macdonald’s farm”.

“MOOOO”