# **EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE**



## Domain and goal

# **Activities**

- Spontaneously calls parents Mama, Dad
- Spontaneously calls family members by name

## Reverse hide and seek

- This game combines wonderful listening opportunities with the chance for your child to call a family member by name numerous times.
- You and your child cover your eyes and count to ten while Daddy hides. Once your child opens his eyes, tell him you need to find Daddy. Call Daddy's name and listen. When Daddy hears his name, he should respond with "I hear you". Model the name for your child to imitate and make sure he is using a louder than normal voice to call Daddy. After he has called Daddy, tell him to listen so he can hear Daddy answer. Continue calling and listening until your child has found Daddy.
- Play this game in other people's homes to give your child a chance to learn other people's names.

#### **Hugs and tickles**

• Go outside and stand with your child a few metres away from Nanna and Daddy. Use photos of Nanna and Daddy, showing your child one photo at a time. Have him call that person. They take one big step toward your child. Continue calling the people until one person reaches your child. They then tickle, cuddle and kiss your child. Tell Nanna and Daddy not to move forward if your child's voice is too soft.



Date	What did your child do?

