

Domain and goal

- Obtain a language sample
- 10 minute duration
- Consecutive utterances
- Keep a record of these language samples in your folder
- Write any true words on the expressive vocabulary list in the Appendix

Activities

Taking a language sample

- Now that your child is spontaneously vocalising/speaking throughout the day, it's time to begin measuring his language growth. This is done by writing down a language sample. This is a task you will be doing every month until your child achieves a complete language system, so let's learn how to do it correctly.
- Set up some toys for your child to play with, preferably with Daddy, Nanna or an older sibling. It will be easier for you to write down everything your child says if you do not have to be the play partner while you are listening to everything your child says.
- Remind the person playing with your child not to ask a lot of questions, but rather, to just comment on what they are doing or your child is doing. Tell them to wait after speaking until your child takes a turn. If they speak too often or don't wait long enough, your child might not talk very much.
- Use a lined piece of paper. Each time your child says something, write that utterance on one line, then skip a line and write the next thing your child says, etc. Do this for ten minutes and write down everything your child says. Here is an example of what your child's language sample might contain:
 - Brrrrmmmm beep, beep (*performative*)
 - Uh oh (*performative*)
 - Bye-bye (*true word*)
 - Daddy (*true word*)
 - Open (*true word*)
 - Sh! (*performative*)
 - (unintelligible)
 - Up, up, up (*performative*)
 - No (*true word*)



Date	What did your child do?