

## Chit Chat

Fridge-note  
Environment and Positioning

Having, the right hearing technology, on and working, in the best possible listening environment is the vital first step to helping your child to listen. So...

**Check the equipment!**  
**Cut out the background noise!**

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It is easier to listen to one person talking at a time so everyone involved in a conversation should try to...

**Take turns in talking**

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**Expect your child to use their listening**

Once your child has the correct hearing technology fitted then they will be able to hear the whole range of speech sounds, your child doesn't need to look at you to hear...If your child looks puzzled or you think they haven't heard you, you could ask.

**"What did you hear?"**

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A new listener needs to hear an interesting voice to make them want to listen so...

**Use a child friendly sing-song voice**

...use intonation and stress to highlight the important words and phrases.

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Pausing before saying the last word in a familiar phrase and looking encouraging gives your child the chance to complete the phrase e.g. “put on you socks and... shoes!” So try to...

**Leave a gap at the end**

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What you say

**Use learning to listen sounds, words and phrases**

Say them with associated phrases, for example not “quack quack” but “quack quack... that was the duck!”

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What you say

**Talk about what is going on**

...and about things you are going to do.

**Talk about it first**

Talking about things before you show them or things you are about to do helps to get your child interested in voices and to attach meaning to sound.

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What you say

Your child needs the opportunity to hear words and phrases many times to develop their listening and language so...

**Repeat, rephrase and add new words to what your child says**

...this shows your child that you are interested in what they have said and is a great way of building on what they already know.

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Responding to the moment

### Alert your child to new sounds

...your child will hear many sounds in the world around them, point them out, show that you are interested in sounds and talk about them.

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You should pause often when talking with your child. This will...

**Give your child  
time to listen,  
time to think  
and time to talk**

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When you have said something...

### Lean in to listen

...and look expectantly so that your child gets lots of clues that it's their turn to talk.

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### Repeat what your child says

...it shows your child that you are interested and gives them the chance to listen to the words again.

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It is really exciting when your child begins to say things for themselves but you are having a conversation so don't forget to...

**Respond to what your child says**

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**Add to what your child says**

...you don't have to add lots of new words, just a little natural expansion to add to the conversation.

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