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TIPS TO TALKING

1. Talk to your child when you are playing together.	**7.** Talk about things as they happen e.g. unpacking the shopping, having a bath, watching television.
2. Have fun with nursery rhymes and songs, especially those with actions.	**8.** Listen carefully and give your child time to finish. Take turns to speak.
3. Encourage your child to listen to different sounds e.g. aeroplanes, animals, the postmen.	**9.** Give your child opportunities to talk.
4. Gain your child's attention when you want to talk together.	**10.** Help your child to use more words by adding to what is said e.g. 'ball' can be expanded to 'throw the ball' or 'the ball has gone'.
5. Encourage your child to communicate in any way, not just through words.	**11.** If your child says something incorrectly, say it back the right way. Do not make your child repeat it.
12. Increase vocabulary by giving choices e.g. 'Do you want orange or blackcurrant?'	**12.** Try and have a special time with your child each day to play with toys and picture books.