

**Resource packages for supporting Speech language and Communication development**

**Package 1**

**Top Tips for early communication development**:

Focus on the environment and communication with the child

Commence some of these activities:

* Daily story time of about 10 to 15 minutes, choose a time when the child is most receptive.
* Sing songs and nursery rhymes on a regular basis.
* Plan a daily child led play time.
* When out and about encourage talking/describing and pointing out objects as you go along.
* Try to reduce TV and tablet time.
* It would be better to discontinue using dummies and bottles.
* Try to attend some social groups, such as singing or story time in the library or the stay and play in the children’s centre at least once per week.
* Use pictures/objects to help understanding of routines and instructions.
* Use the ASQ communication activity sheet e.g. washing a baby doll, naming body parts.

**Useful webpages**:

* <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> : *A website from The Department for Education. A new campaign provides parents with ideas and videos of activities to boost children’s communication, language and literacy development from 0-5 years old.*

* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people> : *Information for parents on how to develop your child’s communication skills. You can explore their simple activities and play ideas and find information about early child development*

* Through the Eyes of a Child, quite detailed but some useful discussion points: <https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/professionals/tct-resources/through-the-eyes-of-a-child/>:
* You Tube Chatter Matters (animated clips – very parent friendly):<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=utube+chatter+matters+uk&qpvt=utube+chatter+matters+uk&FORM=VDRE> :
* Keep it Simple You Tube; Chatter matters keep it simple: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EleUJ3DD75g>
* Talk to your Child Chatter matters YouTube talk to your child: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=utube+chatter+matters+uk&qpvt=utube+chatter+matters+uk&FORM=VDRE> :
* Join in Chatter matters You Tube join in: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy3R1_cOOUU> :
* Face to Face Chatter matters You Tube face to face: [https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=face+to+face+utube+chatter+matters+uk&&view=detail&mid=5DA8B77C0ED553B4757C5DA8B77C0ED553B4757C&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=face+to+face+utube+chatter+matters+uk&&view=detail&mid=5DA8B77C0ED553B4757C5DA8B77C0ED553B4757C&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%25)
* <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/tips-talking-your-baby-and-young-child/>

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