

Say the child's name to get their attention



Repeat things the child says correctly



Comment on what the child is doing



Reduce distractions when playing together



Teach and recap new words



Wait for the child to ask for help



Play with things the child is interested in



Ask less questions



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Offer choices



Put toys out of reach



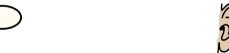
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Use pictures, objects and gestures when talking



Sing nursery rhymes









Get down to the child's level



Repeat what the child has said and add a word



Practice turn taking



Match the child's language level (e.g. use 1-2 words)



Give the child lots of time to think and talk



Copy what the child is doing in play



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