

First words - now I'm saying words too

Try...

Quiet time to talk



- Your child needs to hear you speak.
- Young children find it difficult to listen to your voice when it's noisy.
- Turn off things like the TV, phones and music.

Face to face



- Sit or bend down so your child can see you talking.
- This makes it easier for her to listen and copy.
- Take the dummy out. Your child may have something to say.

Pause and wait



- Wait for a few seconds.
- Let your child show you what he is interested in.
- Talk a little about it.
- Watch and listen again to see what he does.

Copy and add words



- Keep what you say short and simple.
- Say the main word again and again.
- Your child can then learn that word.