

★ At-Home Activities - Listening Attentively & Responding

Storytime Talk

Read a bedtime story and pause occasionally to ask: What do you think might happen next? Why is the character feeling like that? Encourage your child to ask you *their own* questions.

Simon Says (Home Edition)

Play *Simon Says* with household actions: Simon says put your hands on your head. Simon says jump twice. Great for following instructions and listening carefully.

Sound Detective

Make sounds around the house (closing a drawer, running water, tapping on a door). Your child guesses the sound and explains why. You can also use a sound app or YouTube if helpful.

Making Comments & Asking Clarifying Questions

Mystery Bag

Put everyday objects in a bag (a spoon, toy car, sock, leaf, brush). Your child feels it, describes it, guesses what it might be. Ask: What do you notice? What makes you think that?"


Talk About a Picture

Use a family photo, a holiday picture, or one from a book. Ask: What can you see? What do you think is happening? Is there anything you want to ask about the picture?

Story Retell

After reading, ask your child to retell their favourite part or explain something they didn't understand.

Holding Back-and-Forth Conversations

 **Family Chat Time** During dinner or snack time, try “conversation starters”: Tell me something fun you did today. What made you smile? What would you like to ask me?”

Pretend Play

Play shop, café, doctor, or school. Encourage your child to ask questions: What would you like to buy? How can I help you?

Combined Everyday Opportunities

These are built into the day and need no prep:

When cooking: Can you pass me the spoon?... What do you think we do next?

When getting dressed: Which shirt should I choose today? Why?

During walks: What can you hear? What do you notice?

During play: Tell me what you're building... How does it work?

★ At-Home Speaking Activities - Daily Conversation Builders

"Tell Me About..."

Use prompts like: Tell me about your day. Tell me about your favourite game. Tell me about what you're making. Encourages full sentences and clear explanations.

? Ask Me a Question

Take turns asking each other *any* question. This builds confidence in holding conversations and forming questions.

Feeling Words

Ask: How are you feeling today? Why do you think you feel like that? Helps children develop emotional vocabulary.

★ 2. Fun Speaking Games

Show and Tell (Home Version)

Your child chooses an item from around the house and talks about: What it is? Why did they choose it? How is it used? You ask simple follow-up questions to keep the conversation going.

Conversation Cards

Make cards with pictures (animals, toys, foods).

Your child picks one and explains: What is it? Where does it live/comes from? What do they like about it?

"Guess Who/What I Am"

Give clues about an object or animal: I am big... I have a long trunk... What am I? Then let your child be the clue-giver.

What's in the Box?

Put something in a box/bag and give clues. Your child guesses and then explains their thinking.

★ **3. Speaking Through Play**

Role-Play

Pretend to be: Shopkeeper and customer. Doctor and patient. Teacher and student

This naturally encourages turn-taking and question-asking.

Small World Play

Use cars, animals, dolls, Lego.

Ask: What's happening? Who is this? Where are they going? Your child narrates their play, building language fluency.

★ **4. Speaking During Everyday Moments**

At Mealtimes

Talk about: What foods do they like? What happened today? What are they excited about tomorrow? Great for back-and-forth conversations.

On Walks

Ask: What can you see? What can you hear? What do you wonder about?"

★ **5. Story-Based Speaking Activities**

Predict and Explain

Before turning the page, ask: What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?

Retell the Story

After reading, ask your child to retell the story in their own words.

This builds sequencing and confidence.

