

## Top Tips for Communication and Language

Research is showing that previous lockdowns have had an impact on young children's language skills. Less contact with extended family, social distancing, no play dates and face coverings have left children less exposed to conversations and everyday experiences. Here are some tips to ensure children's vocabulary keeps improving.

1. **Chatter** to your child about whatever they are playing
2. **Read** with them, make the most of stories and bedtime story time (books are jam packed full of new words)
3. **Give lots of experiences** (park, garden), opportunities to chat develop new vocabulary
4. **Question**, comment or explain as your child plays, to expand their vocabulary
5. **Sing** with children, enjoy rhymes together, while developing vocabulary

