

Babble Back parent leaflet

Watch, Wait and Listen

- I can pretend it's a steering wheel and drive my car - brum brum!
- I can wear it as a bracelet!
- I can roll it
- it looks like a doughnut. I can pretend to eat it



Watch me



- What makes me laugh?
- What am I looking at?
- What do I like to pick up and explore?

Wait



- don't jump in too soon
- see what I do with the toys. I might surprise you



- I need time to think and decide
- I need time to remember the right words
- I need time to use my imagination

Listen to me



We are having a conversation when we take turns using actions, gesture sounds and words

- listen to the sounds I make. I love it when you say them back; it makes me feel special
- listen to the words I say; it makes me feel valued and I will want to say more



Babble Back

Ideas to help you give your child the best start in learning to talk and listen

Top Tips

- wait and allow your child time to start the conversation
- take turns to communicate so that you and your child both get turns at talking
- try to have a conversation with your child every day
- build up your child's sentences by repeating what they say and adding words
- if your child says something incorrectly, say it back the right way - e.g "goggy bit it" "Yes, the dog bit it, didn't he".
- too many questions can be too much pressure



Signposting
For further information about how to help your child's speech, language and communication development go to...

- www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk (information available in a variety of languages)
- www.talkingpoint.org.uk
- www.leics.gov.uk/family
- www.leics.gov.uk/libraries

Visit your local Children's Centre to access more information on groups and services available for parents/ carers and children.

For any specific concerns in relation to any aspects of your child's development, contact your local GP and/or Health Visitor.



Watch, Wait and Listen!

