

# Speech & Language Strategies

## Self Talk

Talk out loud about what you're doing

## Parallel Talk

Talk out loud about what your child is doing

## Repetition

Repeat words over and over

## Increase Opportunities

Target the same word all day

## Simplify

Use short phrases and sentences

## Add 1 Word

Use 1 more word than your child is using

## Model

Tell them what you want them to say

## Imitation

Teach them to copy you

## Visuals

Show objects or pictures when talking

## Sign Language

Teach early sign language

## 1 at a Time

Give only 1 so they ask for more

## Give 2 Choices

Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

## Sabotage

Set it up so they need your help

## Out of Reach

Let them ask for what they want

## Be Forgetful

Let them ask for what they need

## Be Silly

Get attention with unexpected actions

## Follow their Lead

Talk about their interests

## That's New!

Explore something new

## Verbal Routines

Use the same words in daily routines

## Sing

Teach language using songs

## Wait

Pause and give time to respond

## Make Comments

More statements than questions

## Open-Ended Questions

Use Wh instead of yes/no questions

## Pacing Boards

Tap or clap to add more words

## Say it Back

Repeat back with stress on correct word