

A strategy for modeling speech during play.

Get Face-To-Face

This strategy suggests making sure you are “face-to-face” with your child (on their level) in order to enhance opportunities for them to visualize your speech/speaking.

Example:

Instead of having your child sit on your lap during reading time (where the back of their head faces you), sit in front of them on their level and they can see your mouth talking/reading.

In a car ride, the child cannot see your face, so this is not ideal for modeling speech. But when you are dressing your child, your faces are usually close together. Use this face-to-face time to teach new vocabulary or new sounds.

Benefits: Children learn language visually by watching your mouth make the sounds & words. Making it easier for them to try and attempt speech.

WHEN TO USE:

- Getting your child dressed
- Bath time (you can sit beside the tub to get on their level)
- Reading books (face your child, don't always have them in your lap)
- Playtime on the floor