

TIPS TO SUPPORT SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

For more information on supporting speech and language development email info@speech4all.co.nz to enquire about therapy and workshop options.

How to respond to speech sound errors?

Respond to the words the child has said rather than the speech sounds said. For example, child says "dat" adult says "look a cat!"



Speech Sound Play

Have fun with sounds! Exaggerate sound and facial expression.

For example animal noises:

The cow goes "mooooo",

The bee goes "zzzzz" and the

The snake goes "ssssss".



Encouraging language development *Follow child's lead*

Let them choose the game or activity you play with. This and the language used needs to be interesting and exciting to gain their attention and encourage learning.

Encouraging language development *Allow processing time*



Wait after commenting or asking a question. Counting to 5 in your head can be a helpful trick.

Encouraging language development *Acknowledge responses*

Even if it is part of a word or has speech errors acknowledge their attempt and model their word in a slightly longer phrase. This will help them next time they want to say that word/phrase.

Remember
to keep it
FUN!!

