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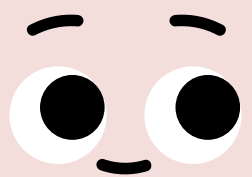


- ✓ Getting down to your child's level
- ✓ Finding time to talk and cuddle, tickle or be near each other
- ✓ Tuning in to what they say or do

## STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN



Stop and pause



Look at what your child is doing



Listen and then respond



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**Building on your child's play provides them with opportunities to learn new things and skills for life!**

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# SHARE SONGS & STORIES EVERY DAY

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Use your home language!



Start early, share often. Even from birth!

Make it fun and interactive!



Reading tips and tricks:

- ✓ Just follow your child's lead! When reading, you don't have to read from front to back.
- ✓ Talk about the **words** and **different sounds** that you hear.
- ✓ Make it FUN and repeat, repeat, repeat!



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Remember... communication is not just about words!



## 'SERVE AND RETURN'

You could try:

- ✓ Talking together during everyday activities.
- ✓ Responding to all your child's communication attempts.
- ✓ Expanding! Repeat what your child says but add a word or two.

Your child reaches out for interaction

"Milk?"



You respond!

"More milk?"



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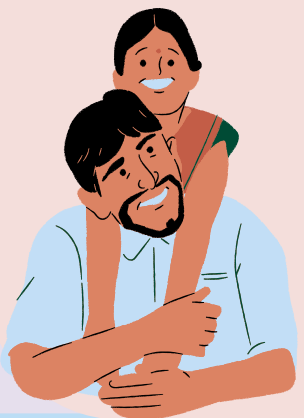
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