



Language Facilitation

FOR TODDLERS

Core Language Techniques

Follow your child's lead

Watch what interests them.
Join in play without directing.

Face-to-face Interaction

Get on their level. Use
animated expressions

Simplify & Repeat Language

Use short phrases. Repeat
important words: "More Juice"

Model, Don't Pressure

Show how to communicate.
Don't force talking

Use Gestures & Visuals

Point, wave, and nod. Use
pictures if helpful.

Expand & Recast

Child: "Ball!"
You: "Yes, a big ball!"

Pause & Wait

Give your child time to
respond. Count to 5 silently.

PLAY IDEAS

✿ Cause & Effect toys: Use words like “go”, “pop”

✿ Pretend Play: Talk about actions: “Wash doll”, “Drive car”



SONGS & RHYMES

✿ USE GESTURES: *ITSY, BITSY SPIDER, WHEELS ON THE BUS*

✿ PAUSE BEFORE KEY WORDS: “TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE...[WAIT] STAR”



FUN DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING

BOOK TIME

✿ LABEL PICTURES: “DOG! BALL”

✿ ASK & ANSWER: “WHERE IS THE CAT?”

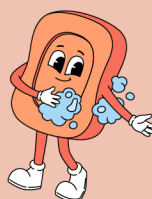


ROUTINES AS LANGUAGE MOMENTS

✿ MEALTIME: “ALL DONE”, “MORE BANANA”

✿ BATH TIME: “SPLASH”, “WASH”

✿ DRESSING: “SHIRT ON”, “SOCK OFF”

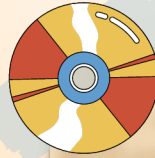


PARENT Strategies



Imitate

IMITATE YOUR CHILD'S
ACTIONS TO BUILD
CONNECTION



Label

LABEL WHAT THEY
LOOK AT OR PLAY
WITH: "TRUCK",
"SPLASH"



Offer Choices

"DO YOU WANT JUICE
OR MILK?"



Tempt Communication

PUT TOYS SLIGHTLY OUT OF
REACH TO ENCOURAGE A
TOTAL
COMMUNICATION
APPROACH WHEN
REQUESTING.

Most Important

FOCUS ON CONNECTION
OVER COMPLIANCE.
HAVE FUN & FOLLOW
YOUR CHILD'S LEAD.