

## ENCOURAGING

# SPEECH & LANGUAGE



- Set up face-to-face interactions.
- Recognize and respond to your child's signals telling you what he/she wants to say.
- Model language and give your child words to use for what he/she wants to say.
- Name objects and actions with words, small phrases and simple sentences.
- Know your child's understanding of words and phrases.
- Use self-talk to describe activities that you are doing.
- Use parallel-talk to describe activities that your child and others are doing.
- Expand your child's words and phrases into simple sentences.

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### WHEN YOU CAN DO THESE THINGS:

- MEALTIMES
- GETTING DRESSED
- IN THE CAR
- IN THE KITCHEN
- READING BOOKS
- CELEBRATIONS
- OUTDOORS
- BATHTIME
- BEDTIME
- WHEN YOU NEED A LITTLE HELPER

