



## **FACT SHEET: TALKING SKILLS**

1. Encourage turn-taking during motor activities (clapping hands, rolling ball, rolling cars). This will set up interaction patterns for further communication skills.
2. Slow down your own speech and encourage your child to slow down too when they speak.
3. Use short, simple phrases/sentences when talking to your child. Especially talk to them about the things they see/ hear/ taste/ feel/ smell.
4. Read books aloud with your child. Point to pictures. Use only labels/nouns. Keep language very simple.
5. Play music tapes/CDs for your child. These stimulate the entire brain and encourage language development.
6. Encourage your child to listen to Audio books with and without picture books. Encourage them to then re-tell the story to you using the picture book as a visual reminder