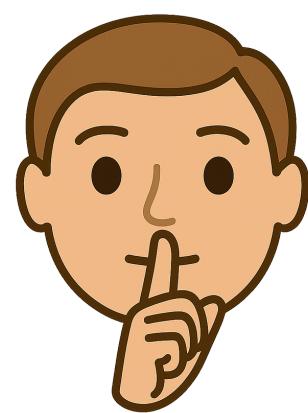


# Communication Week

## Day 2: Communication Supportive Environments

Communication supportive environments mean that children have lots of opportunities to practise and develop their communication skills.

### 1 Reduce Noise



### 2 Give pauses for thinking time



### 3 Label resources with pictures AND words



### 4 Adapt speech with shorter, sequential instructions



### 7 Encourage active listening:

- Giving full attention
- Empathising
- Body language: orienting to speaker, nodding
- Showing understanding



### 5 Designate quiet places to talk



### 6 Promote collaborative play by structuring tasks so children practice speech and listening to peers



### 8 Ask a mix of open and closed questions: Open - 'Tell me about' Closed - 'Who?'

### 9 Comment more, question less. Try to use a ratio of 4 comments to 1 question

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