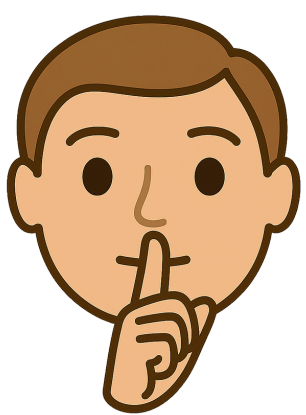


Communication Week

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



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Give pauses for thinking time



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Label resources with pictures AND words



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Adapt speech with shorter, sequential instructions



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Designate quiet places to talk



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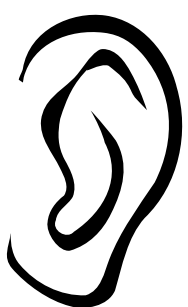
Promote collaborative play by structuring tasks so children practice speech and listening to peers



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Encourage active listening:

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



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

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

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