

Match your language

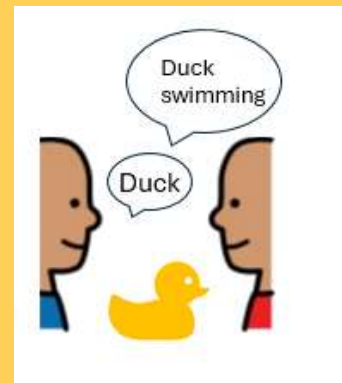


When commenting keep your language simple and match the number of words the child usually uses. If the child is linking 2 words together you can use 2 or 3 words when commenting to them. If the child is not using any words copy their sounds and gestures and use single words to comment on what they are doing or seeing.

Child using single words: if they said 'car' you could say 'go'.

Child using two words: if they said 'dog gone' you could say '**dog** has **gone** outside' or '**bye-bye dog**'

Child using sounds: If the child was to say 'mmm' while eating a snack you could say '**yummy**'.



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