



## Top Tips for Talking

### Copy your child's language



#### Why should I do this?

This lets your child know that you are listening to them and that you are interested in what they are saying. This encourages them to keep talking even if they are not using real words yet.

#### How can I do this?

- ◇ At mealtimes copy any noises your child makes like 'mmmm', 'yummy'.
- ◇ When your child is playing, copy what they say .e.g. Child: 'big tower', Adult: 'Big tower!'
- ◇ If your child is not using words yet copy some of the sounds they make like 'ba ba ba', 'ooooh' or 'da da da'.

