



## Top Tips for Talking

## Make language learning fun!

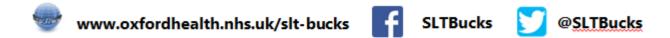


## Why should I do this?

When a child sees an adult playing around with sounds, words and sentences they are more likely to try this out themselves. Children need to experiment in this way for their language to develop.

## How can I do this?

- At home bring soft toys to life by giving them a funny voice and getting them to introduce themselves to your child e.g. 'Hello I'm teddy' (in a squeaky voice) or 'hello I'm tiger' (in a growly voice).
- When playing with toy cars or animals remember to use lots of fun sounds like 'brum brum', 'beep', 'weeee', 'baa baa' or 'raaaa'.
- Make tidy up time more fun by singing about what you are doing e.g. 'this Is the way we tidy up, tidy up, tidy up' (to the tune of 'Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush')



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