

First words

First words are learnt by hearing them repeatedly in lots of different situations. Your child will learn many different types of words. Model words for your child in play and familiar routines so they can hear the words a lot of times. Talk about things that interest them and allow time for your child to respond.



First words should happen in natural everyday situations. Focus on words that are familiar and can be heard every day. Pick words that allow your child to have some control over their environment and are about things that motivate them. **Emphasise** words, **repeat** them and **use** them by themselves and in short phrases.

Try these..

mummy	daddy	book	hello
car	shoe	banana	bye
duck	ball	up	more
go	no	gone	milk

- Use 'up, up, up' when you go up steps with your child at home or out and about
- Use 'more' at snack time or when playing 'more banana' or 'more bricks'
- Try 'Ready Steady ...Go' when rolling a ball or playing physical games
- Say 'bye bye' to toys as you tidy them away

Try this..



Remember children will have to hear the word **LOTS** of times before they use it themselves!

