

Ways to let your child lead play

Letting your child take the lead when you play will help them to develop early listening skills

Don't have too many toys out and let the child choose what they play with

Repeat words and phrases lots of times as you play

Let them choose how to play with the toys – even if it isn't the 'proper' way to play with them!

Comment on what they are doing using simple language

Get down to their level and watch and copy what they are doing

Wait for them to initiate communication with you through words or eye contact or gestures

