

“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul.”

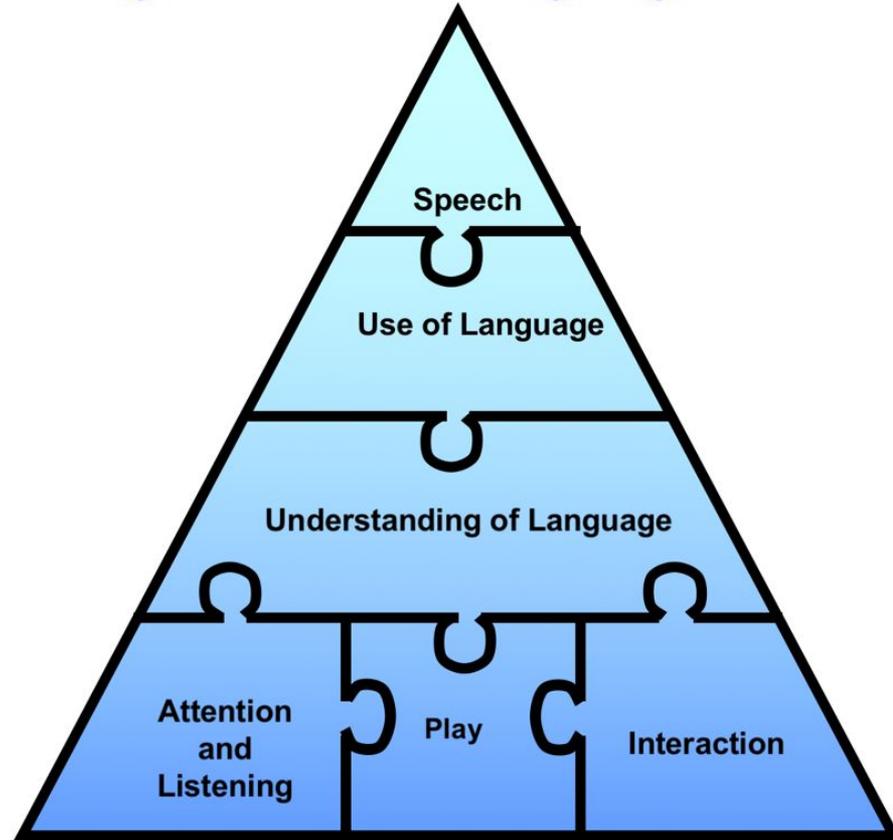
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The building blocks for language development



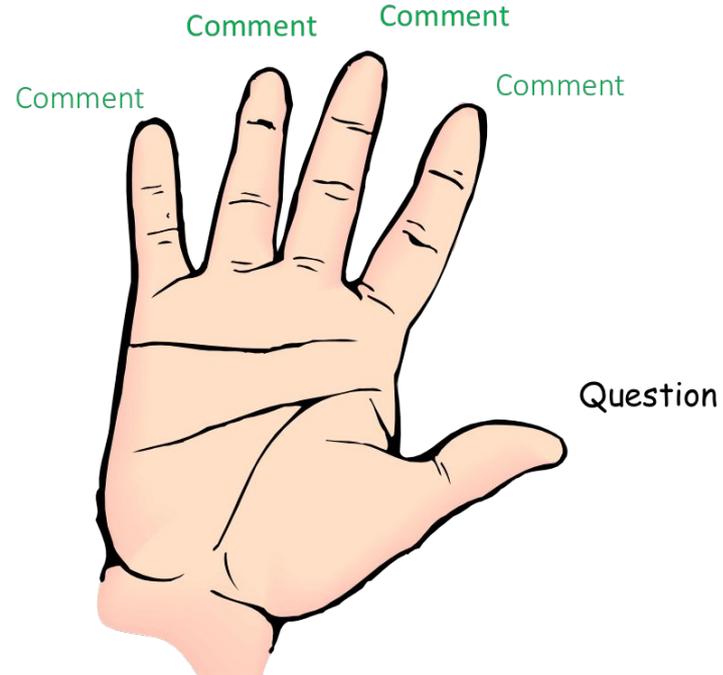
Strategy 1- Talk about the focus of the child's attention

- If interested in something, much more likely to want to communicate about it
- This may not always be the way the activity is meant to be completed!!
- Much more memorable if fun and interesting to the child



Strategy 2- Pause and allow time for comments

- Comment on everyday activities
- Talk about things as they happen
- Pause.....Allow time for the child to make a comment
- The Hand rule!



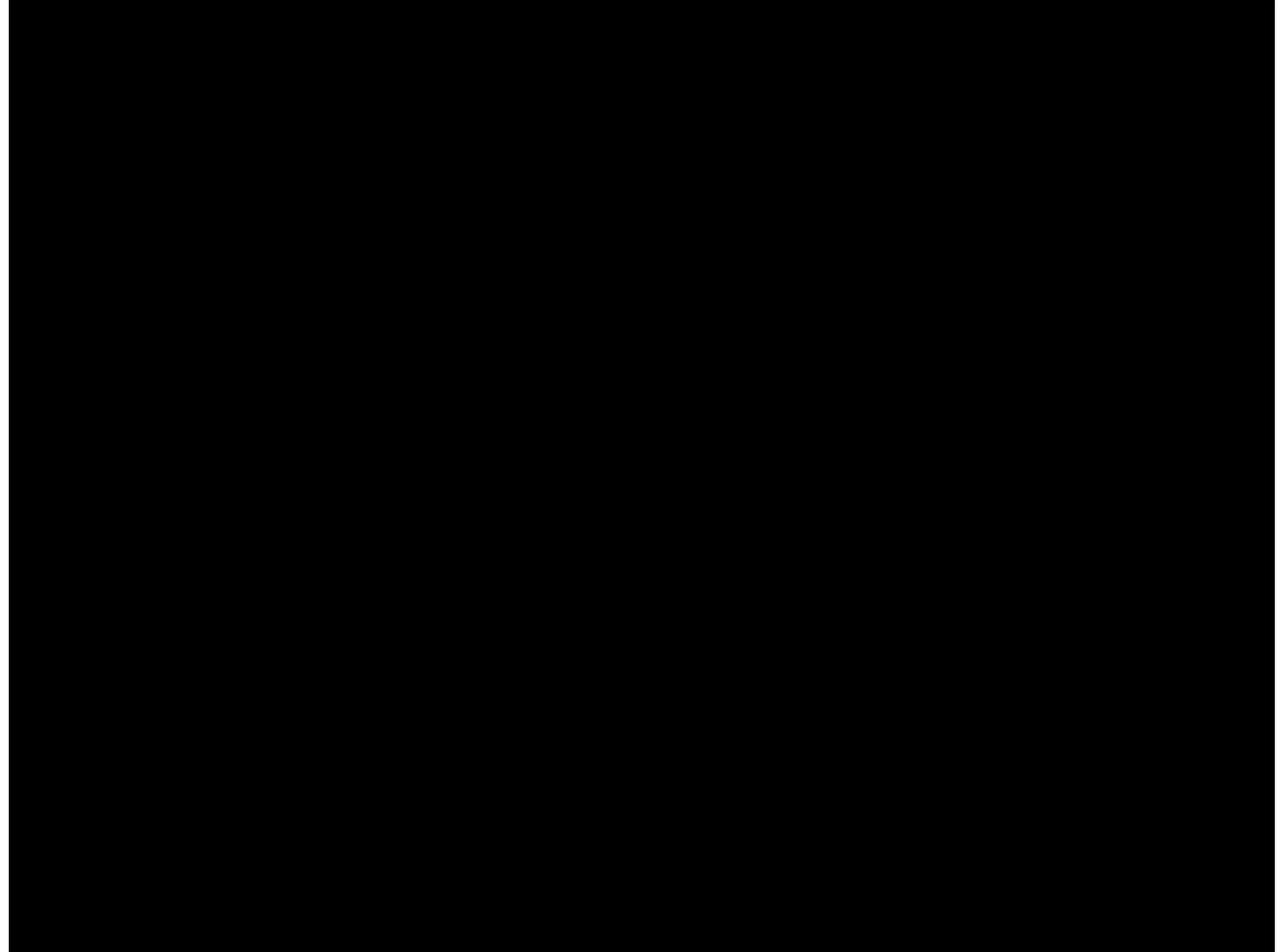
Strategy 3- Expand language by adding a word on

- Repeat back what your child says and add a word on
- Always add the 'little' words too e.g. 'is', 'a', 'the'
- For example; 'car'.... 'Yes a fast car' OR 'teddy sleeping'....'yes teddy is sleeping in the bed'



Notice:

- Pausing to give opportunities to speak
- Adding a word on
- Talking about what is interesting to child



Play based approach to children's learning:



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Next School Matters Webinar:

Navigating Friendships at Primary School

with Dr Anna Shipton, clinical psychologist, Mrs Wendy Gibbs, Deputy Head and Miss Rachel Churchley, Life Matters Co-ordinator

Thursday 17th March at 11am



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