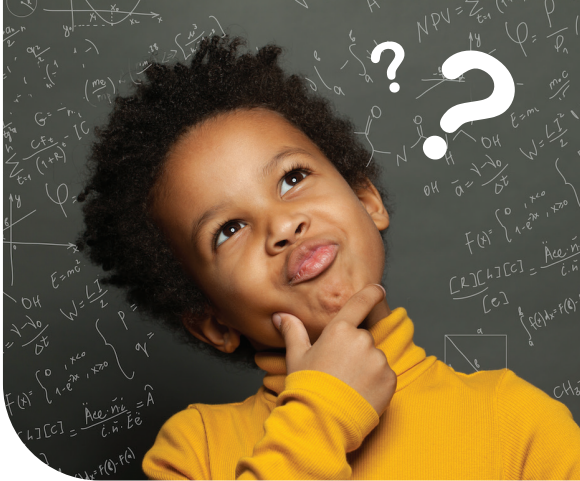




Building Better Communication



What is Communication?

The act of sharing information by speaking, writing, or other non-verbal cues



What is Speech?

The expression of words, thoughts, and feelings by articulating vocal sounds



What is Language?

Human form of speech which is either written or spoken and involves understanding and producing words to share ideas and convey meaning

Communication Strategies



Provide Opportunities for Unstructured Play

- Create Pretend Scenarios
- Celebrate Storytelling Through Play, "What's happening in your adventure? Can you act it out for me?"
- Allow Play with Minimal Rules, "How do you want to play with these blocks today?"



Practice Active Listening

- Model Active Listening
- Encourage Turn-Taking in Conversations
- Play Listening Games, (Simon Says, Telephone)



Allow for Storytelling

- Use Story Starters, "A mysterious package arrived at the door..."
- Practice Retelling Stories
- Model Storytelling



Use Effective Questioning

- Create a Curious Environment
- Teach Open-Ended Questions, "What do you like about..."
- Incorporate Questioning Games, (20 Questions)

Tips to Effectively Communicate

Ask Your Child About Their Day



Start With Specific, **Open-Ended Questions**, "What Made You Laugh Today?"



Be Creative with Your Prompts, "**If your day was a movie, what would the title be?**"



Let Your Child Talk Freely Without Correction



Wait until they finish talking before asking more questions or offering feedback.



Instead of focusing on how to correct their speech, **actively listen to their ideas**, which reinforces the importance of listening in return.