

## How to Help your Child at Home with Speaking

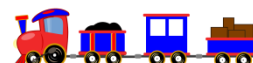
### Self-talk

Self-talk is a technique where a parent should describe their actions or the things they see, feel and experience.

You need to get dressed, first I'll get a shirt, then we need to find some trousers



I am pushing the train, choo choo



### Parallel talk

Parallel talk involves describing what your child is doing while they are playing. It might sound silly because you are at times talking without expecting to have a conversation, but it's important to link words and meaning to what your child is doing.

You are pushing the train, wow you are pushing it fast!

You are so happy, I can see you smiling.

### Expansion

Language expansion is a way of re-wording a child's speech, which may be incomplete or short, into a complete sentence. For example, if the child says "baby cryin" you might use expansion to say, "A baby is crying."

milk



The milk has all gone

### Scaffolding

Scaffolding is similar to the above. Adults always want to challenge and teach the child by adding a bit more information. That is how children learn. Think of the phrase you heard a child say, and try to "one up" them by expanding it ever so slightly. You can do this by adding an adjective or verb, for example. If the child says, "truck" an adult could use expansion to say "big truck," or "that's a fast truck." Children need models of new words so try to add a new word to their original sentence.

Bu'fly



Yes, a butterfly.

A beautiful, orange butterfly