

Summary of strategies to help a child to communicate

- Use gestures and signs with the child
- Copy the child's sounds and words back to them
- Observe and listen to the child while they are playing
- Wait and pause for a response when playing together
- Give the child time to make a choice or a request
- Add simple commentary instead of asking questions
- Use photos and pictures
- Sing songs and look at books together
- Follow the child's lead
- Praise any attempts the child makes to communicate