

You've built a really big tower

driving car

milk

Commenting

Splash, splash

What: Commenting is when adults use words alongside what a child is doing or showing interest in.

Why:

Children learn best when they are interested – commenting on what your child is paying attention to means they hear words about things they are interested in.

They see an object and hear the word- they start to build a link between the thing and the word, which helps them to learn words.

It can easily be used at whatever stage of communication development your child is at; you adjust your comments so they are right for the level of your child.

How:

- Join you child in what they are doing, watch to see what they are interested in and then use words at their level to talk about what they are looking at, playing with or doing.
- Talk about what is happening around you in everyday life, as you are doing it.
- Use commenting instead of questions (which can overload a child).

Plan: (please circle/ fill in)

I/ we will comment using:

Sounds

single words

2 words

sentences

I/ we will comment: at least _____ times a day.

I/ we will comment when:

getting dressed

food times

playing at home

nappy change

in the car

in the pram

at the park

bath time

other _____