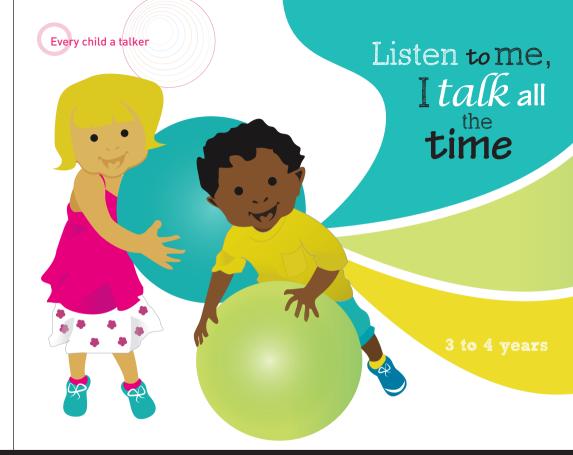
For more information and tips about communicating with your child visit:

Surrey Family Information Service

- www.surreycc.gov.uk/fis
- ① 0300 200 1004

Useful Websites

www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk/home www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/hello www.afasicengland.org.uk www.literacytrust.org.uk







"what I like"

Playing with others.

"what I can do"

- I am using longer sentences and beginning to link sentences by using 'and', 'but' and 'because'.
- I can talk about events in the past and present.
- I can retell stories.
- The number of words I know is continuing to grow.
- I may still have a problem with some sounds but most people understand me most of the time.
- I can understand questions beginning with 'why'.
- I may still make some mistakes with grammar, for example saying 'mouses' instead of 'mice'.
- I can carry out a sequence of actions or instructions.
- I can join in games with rules and understand taking turns and sharing.
- I can listen to longer stories.
- I am beginning to understand simple jokes.
- I am beginning to form friendships.



COMMUNICATION TIPS

- Read books with your child as often as you can. Talk about the pictures. Let them fill in parts of familiar stories. Read favourite books frequently.
- Make time to listen to your child when they are telling you some thing. Stop what you are doing and get down to their level. Have a special time to talk about their day.
- If your child's sentence is muddled don't correct them but repeat back to them how they could have said it.
- Join in pretend play with your child, following their lead. Let them be the 'mum' or 'teacher'.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, pausing for them to fill in missing words.

- Introduce games with rules, such as 'snakes and ladders'.
- Your child is still learning new words and hearing them many times will help them learn them quicker.
- Don't correct words that are not said correctly, as with muddled sentences just repeat back the word said with the correct sounds.
- Restrict the amount of TV your child watches. Make sure that your child has plenty of opportunities to interact with you, the rest of the family and friends.
- Talk about and involve your child in everyday situations such as shopping, cooking, and cleaning. Your child will enjoy these more when they are given a role to play and are included in conversations as they happen.