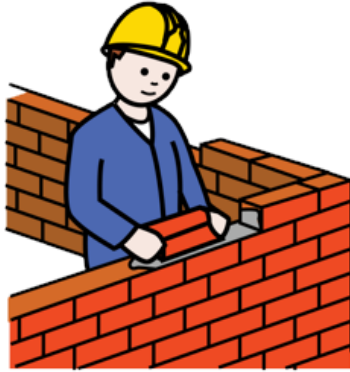


Top Communication Tips

1. Get your child's attention first.

Use their name and make sure they are focused before giving an instruction or asking a question.



2. Build on what your child is saying.

Add more words to their sentences, introduce them to new words, talk about what they are learning in school, and support them to get to the next level.

3. Talk about what your child is interested in.

Children are motivated to talk if adults follow their lead in conversation and play, and ask open-ended questions about their interests.

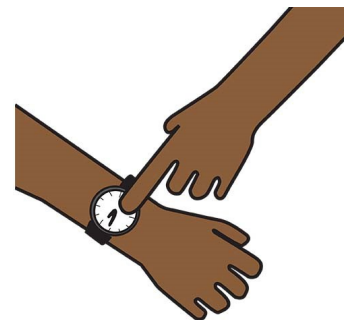


4. Be careful with questions.

Children are happier to join in more when adults make comments instead of asking lots of direct questions.

5. Give your child plenty of time to think.

Some children need up to 10 seconds to process an instruction or question. If they still cannot understand then try simplifying what you are asking.



6. Check whether your child has understood.

Encourage them to ask for help, check if they have understood questions or instructions, and help them to make sense of what they don't understand.