



Use SIMPLE Language

Use short sentences when talking to your child (i.e., one to three words at most).
Always stay one step above your child's current level of communication. For example...

If your child...	You should...	Example
Uses no words	Use single words	"Juice"
Uses single words	Use two-word combinations	"Want juice"
Uses two-word combinations	Use three-word combinations	"Want some juice"



- This strategy can be used to help your child understand what you say
- Using short phrases helps your child to pick out the important words from the sentence
- If your child already has a good understanding of language, using short sentences will make it easier for your child to copy what you are saying

How to connect with support:

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children's Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

Visit www.lansdownecentre.ca/speech

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