

# IMITATING

Imitation will motivate and encourage your child to interact with you. Imitation shows your child that you are interested in what they are doing, and also encourages them to imitate you back.

## Some suggestions for imitating your child are:

- Follow your child's lead by imitating their body movements and facial expressions
- Try imitating with another toy rather than expecting your child to share their toy
- Imitate what your child says and make corrections. For example:  
Child: "Ded car."  
Parent: "Yes, a red car."
- Imitate and add one or two more words.  
For example:  
Child: "Put baby."  
Parent: "Put baby on the table."
- Add new ideas to what your child says.  
For example:  
Child: "Doggie!"  
Parent: "Doggie says woof, woof!"



## 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.

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