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Modelling Language

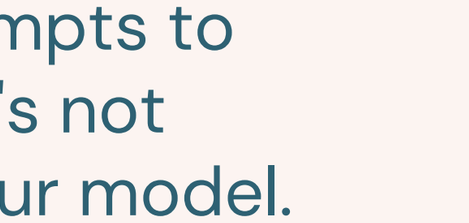
What is it?

Modelling involves talking clearly to your chid at a level they will understand, so that your child can learn what words to use and when to use them

How do I use modelling?

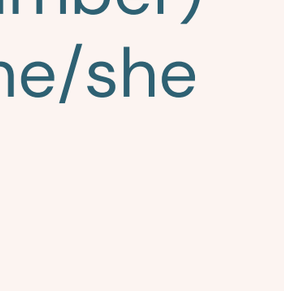
Speak clearly in short and easy to understand sentences. Limit the number of questions you ask. Praise your child's attempts to communicate even if it's not exactly the same as your model. Name objects, actions and attributes (eg colour, size, number) constantly for your child as he/she comes across them.

Example
Adult: "Here's a big train. Big trains go fast. Red train. It's a train. (model)



Child: "Bi train"

Adult: "Yes a big train" (praise and remodel)



How can this help?

Children usually understand words before they can produce them.

It is important for children to understand words as this comes before the ability to produce them

Modelling is an effective way of teaching your child what word to say and when to use the word.

Modelling provides an example of how sounds are made and how sentences are put together.

When and Where do I use it?

Everywhere! In the car, at the dinner table, during book reading,at bath time and during play.

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