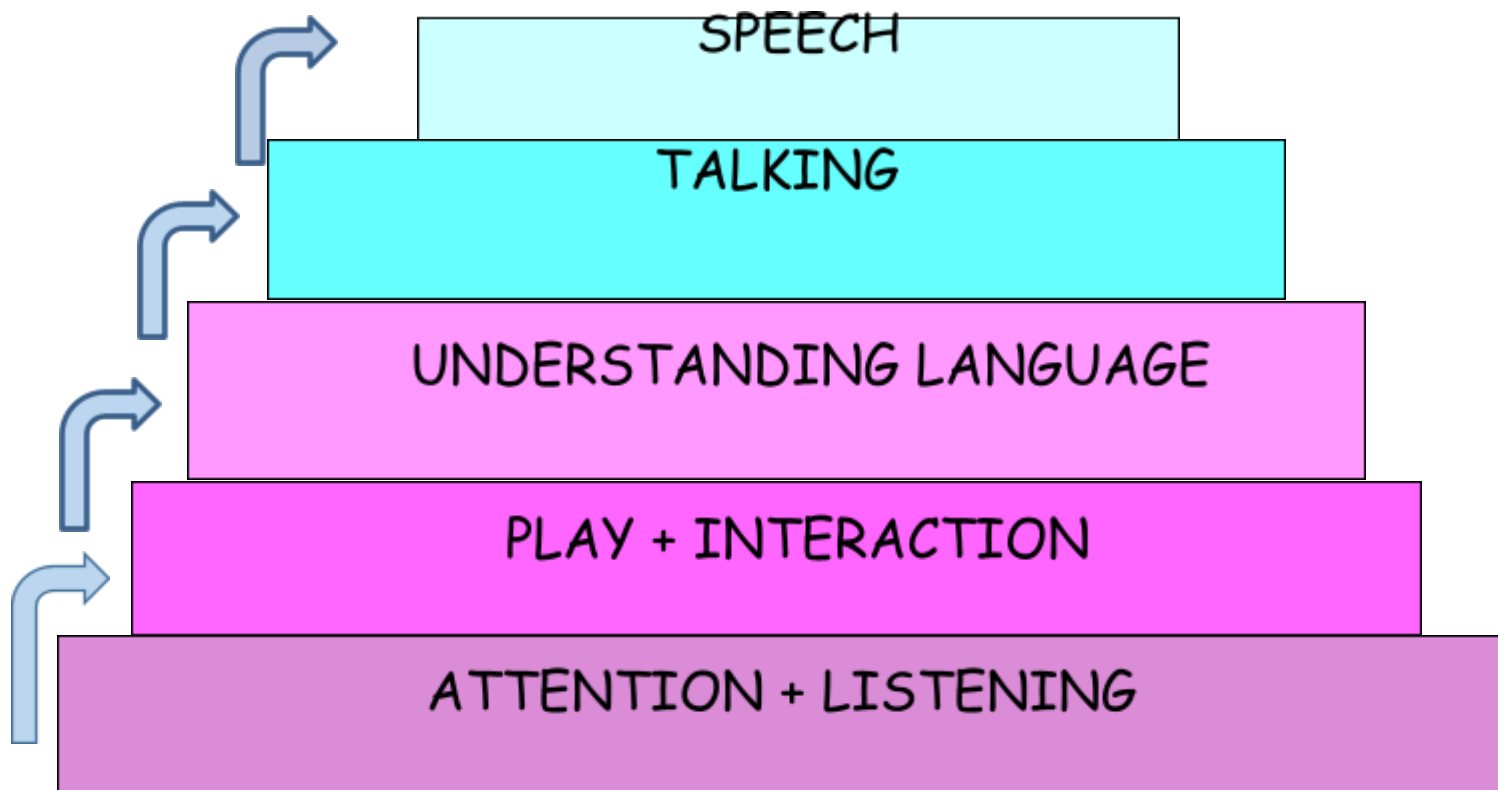


2: The Language Pyramid



Communicating and using language successfully happens when a range of skills are in place. Many children learn these skills naturally but some children will need help.

We can think of these skills as building blocks in a pyramid, where each skill or 'block' supports the next block. Without a good foundation, the rest of the pyramid can be shaky.

These skills build on each other but are in fact all developing all the time. Even as adults, although we already have clear speech, we are still learning the meaning of new words and understanding new ideas and concepts. For children, they will be learning the skills for the building blocks all the time and we can focus on ensuring the foundation blocks are secure.

This toolkit aims to provide strategies, activities and resources to develop these building blocks, to make them more secure, to help the child to communicate more successfully...