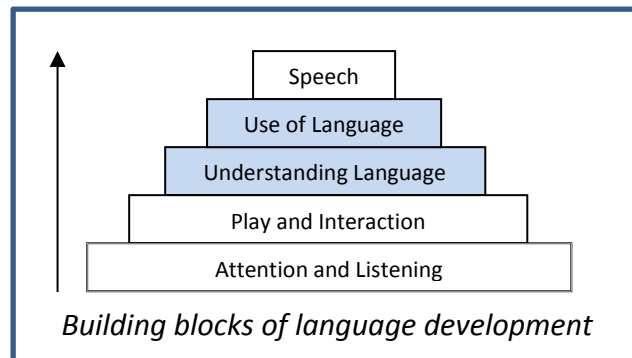


# Commenting



Children learn language by listening to people talk. Comment on what your child is doing or looking at using short sentences: imagine what your child might be thinking at that moment, and put it into words for them.

Comment on your child's play "pouring water!"

Comment on what your child is looking at "Mummy's cooking!"

Comment on what your child is doing "up the steps, up up up, down the slide, wee!"

Comment on other children's play when near your child e.g. "uh oh – fell down!"



Commenting provides children with the opportunity to hear language that is simple enough for them to understand and use.

- ✓ Use "lead in" phrases e.g. "look at the..." "I can see a..."
- ✓ Children love repetition so you can model the same language over and over again.
- ✓ Remember KISS - Keep It Short and Simple! Try to use the same number of words that your child uses. So if your child puts 3 words together, try using sentences with 3 words.

Talk about things that are happening **now**, for example, things that you are both looking at or doing together.

How to change a question into a comment

Instead of asking....	.... make a comment!
'What has happened to the cars?'	'Cars crashed'
'What's this?'	'Look...brick'
'Where has the cow gone?'	'Cow's under the bridge'