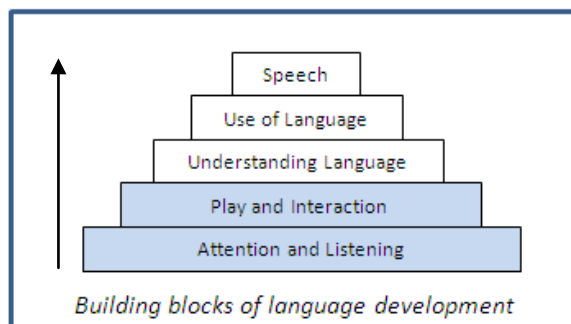


Letting Your Child Lead



It is important to let your child take the lead when playing. This is because children listen better and pay more attention if they are doing what they want to do.



What to do:

- Get down to the same physical level as your child.
- Sit back and let your child choose the toy they want to play with.
- Let them do what they want to do with the toy; for example, if they want to bang the bricks together instead of building a tower, as long as they aren't hurting themselves or damaging something, that's fine. Try distracting them with their favourite toy or something you know they love to do.
- If your child keeps going back to the same toy, that's fine too. Children love repetition!
- Resist the temptation to interfere or get them to do what you want to do!
- Use simple language to go with what your child is looking at or doing.