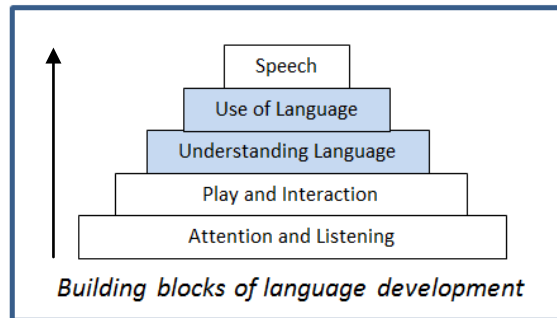


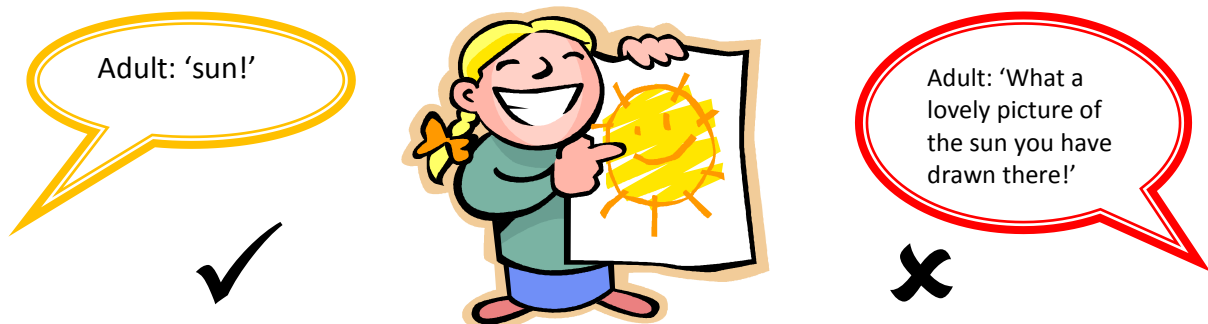
Using simple language



Your child learns language by hearing words and relating these to objects and actions. You can help your child by using **simple language**, here are some tips.

Do:

- Use a similar amount of words to your child. For example if they are using two words at a time, you match this. If your child is not yet speaking say one word at a time.
- Repeat the same word over and over; children learn from repetition.
- Talk about things your child is playing with / doing / looking at.
- Pause after using a word so that your child has an opportunity to copy you.
- Get down to your child's level, preferably face to face.



Don't:

- Ask your child to repeat words after you.
- Don't correct your child, say the correct word instead.
- Don't use too many words.
- Don't focus on colours and numbers before your child can say what the object is called.