



## Speaking Strategies to Increase Language Comprehension

### Say it Slow



- Speak at a slow pace
- Give your child time to process the information
- Pause between major points

### Show



- Gesture to what you are talking about
- Use visuals (real items, pictures, videos)
- Provide written information

### Say Less



- Shorten the length of sentences. Follow the “plus one” rule: use about one word more than your child’s usual utterance length (child uses 4 words, you should use about 5 words)
- Only state the most important information
- Start sentences with verbs

### Stress



- Stress the most important information
- Emphasize content words
- “Walk to the sink and **wash** hands”