

*Model the language you want your child to use...

Child holds his arms up and grunts.

Adult says, "you want up." Up, up, up...(then picks the child up)

Child says, "uh, uh"

Adult says, "yes, up, up, up"

*Hold things back to increase verbal attempts to request toys and request recurrence (more)

Don't forget to praise your child for all attempts at vocalizing, using a word, phrase, approximations, etc.

Find a balance for using these techniques. Use them on and off during periods of play. Use them naturally. If they are interrupting the give and take of interaction and communication then you are using them too much. Make comments as you are playing but do not ask too many questions or do too much of the talking if your child is using words.

ALWAYS REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPIST FOR MORE IDEAS FOR SPECIFIC GOALS!!!!