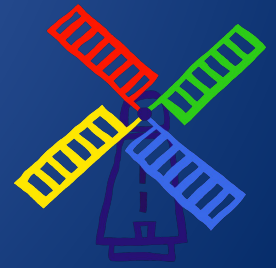


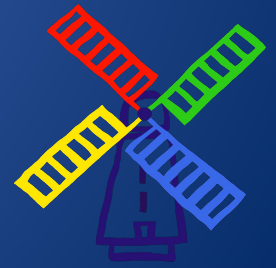
# Communication and Language in the Early Years

Parent Workshop



# Communication and Language ELG

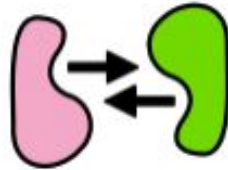
- Getting your own message across
- Expressing your feelings appropriately
- Being able to listen
- Paying attention
- Interacting and playing with others
- Understanding what is being said



# Four Areas of Effective Communication



Listening



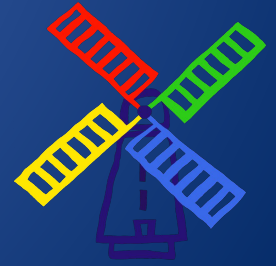
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Understanding



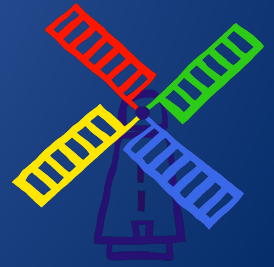
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# Listening

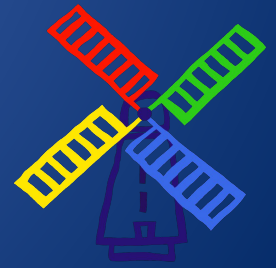
- Key skill for development
- Noises all around us
- Listening not hearing

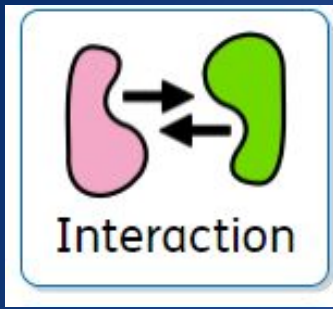




# Developing Listening

- Listening games
- Instructions - building them up
- Rhyme and repetition - stories and poems
  - Give clues
- Show me/tell me





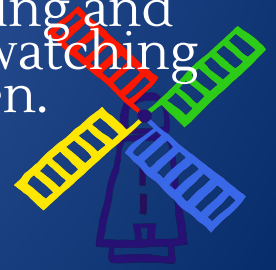
# Interaction

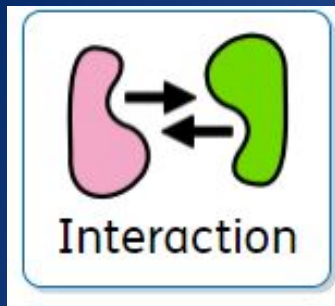
We communicate and interact with each other in different ways. Learning the skills of interaction is really important for having good conversations and interactions with others.

We need to learn:

- When to talk and when to listen.
  - How to take turns.
- How to notice if someone is not listening or bored with what we're saying.

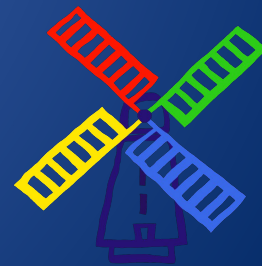
We need words to do this, but also skills in looking, listening and noticing people around us. Children learn from adults by watching how they interact with other adults and with children.

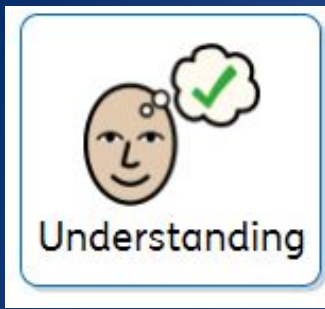




# Developing interaction

- What is different?
- Favourite things
  - Modelling
  - Sense of sense
  - Intonation
- Three good things
- Charades
- 20 questions
- I went to the market and bought...



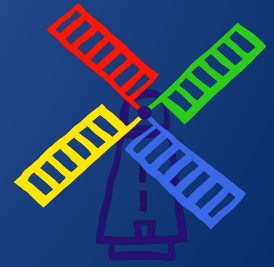


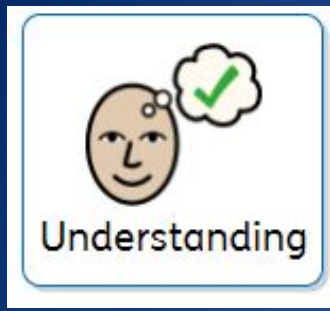
# Understanding

Understanding is key to talking and learning. Children need to understand what single words mean and when words are joined together into sentences, conversations and stories. Children go through phases where they ask lots of questions. They are trying to find out how things work and understand the world around them. Adults play an important role in answering the many questions children have and in checking out whether children understand and modelling how to pose questions and what we do if we don't know the answer.

Understanding helps us to:

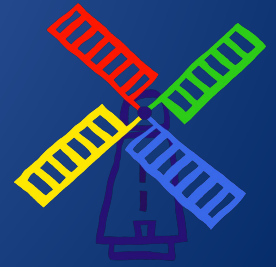
- Keep us safe
- Be informed
- Work out what is happening in a situation
- Continue learning/moving forwards
- Appreciate others' feelings and express our own needs appropriately





# Developing Understanding

- Riddles
- Sentence starters
- Odd one out
- Jabber jabber

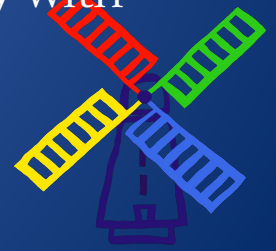




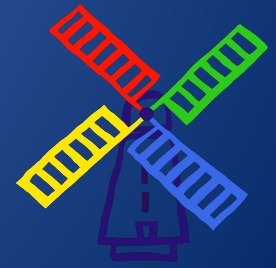
# Play

Play is a really important part of children's learning and development. Children learn all kinds of skills through play; they learn how things work, how to interact and share with other children, how to play with different toys and to enter a world of imagination.

Playing enables children to test things out in a safe way, to learn about emotions and to talk with others. Children often love adults to play with them. It's great if you can follow their lead and join in the fun.



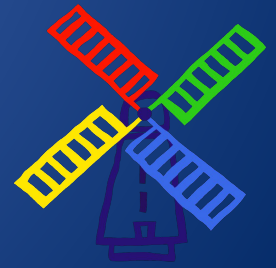
# The importance of play



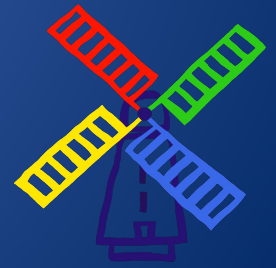


# Developing play

- Picture time
- Board games
- Spot the difference
- Construction and small world
- Gross motor play

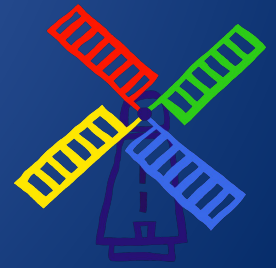


# The ShREC approach



# Developing vocabulary

- Word rounds
- What can it do?
- Pobble 365
- A is for...
- Don't say it/taboo
- Word association



# Support

Talking point -

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/directory/free-resources-parents>

The Communication Trust -

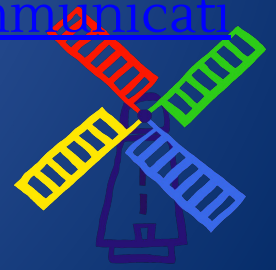
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The National Literacy Trust -

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/tips-talking-your-baby-and-young-child/>

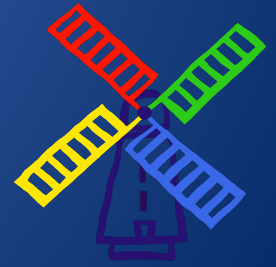
Action for children -

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/parenting-tips/2017/february/using-technology-to-help-childrens-communication-skills/>



# Key Messages

- Tapestry
- Wow Books
- Uniform
- 'Our day' whiteboard

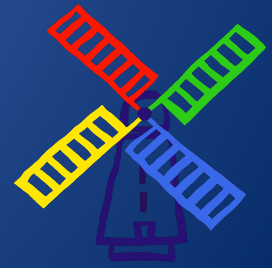


“The first **5** years

have so much to do with how

the next **80** turn out.”

— Bill Gates



Any questions?

