



The oral transmission of information or ideas

This skill is all about how to communicate effectively with others.

Initially, this skill focuses on being able to speak clearly – first with a friend or someone we know well and in small groups, and then with those who are not known.

The next stage is about being an effective speaker by making points logically, by thinking about what listeners already know and using appropriate language, tone and gesture.

Suggested activities to try at home to build the skill of Speaking:

For younger children

Share nursery rhymes together. Take it in turns to speak and listen, speaking the words clearly so your child can copy.

Talk to wider family members. Help your child use the phone, videocalling apps or other platforms to contact family members for a chat. Talk to them beforehand to plan what they might ask, then talk again afterwards about what was said.

For older children

Plan a presentation about a hobby or interest. This might be about a computer game, a sport or a style of music. Ask questions to extend the conversation.

Put on a show for family. Organise a short show to run over a video call or in person to entertain family members. It could include a song, magic trick or a presentation. Introduce the show clearly so the family know what to expect.

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