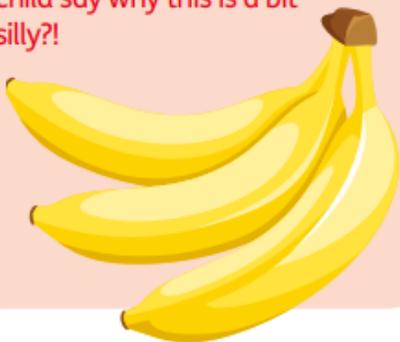# Early Years Talk Homework

You can support your child's speech, language and communication development anytime and anywhere. Here are some ideas to get you started.

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Shop talk

↗ If you're going shopping with your child, play a guessing game.

↗ Talk about things you're buying – can your child guess what it is? E.g. for banana you could say: "It's yellow and we eat it."

↗ Back at home, encourage your child to help with unpacking the bags and talk about what you're unpacking and where it belongs – give some silly instructions as well as sensible ones. E.g. put the banana in the oven...can your child say why this is a bit silly?!

Listen and Do

↗ Play this game to develop your child's listening and understanding.

↗ Give your child simple instructions and see how many things they can remember! It could range from only one thing, e.g. "Find a plate", to lots of things, like "Find a plate, a spoon, a cup and a fork."

↗ You can also help your child to develop their talking by seeing if they can give you instructions to follow.

Action charade

↗ Your child will be learning lots of new vocabulary, particularly action words.

↗ Start by acting out an action for your child to guess (running, jumping, eating, sleeping, licking, brushing, walking, hopping, skipping). Can they guess what you're doing?

↗ Then see if they can take a turn to do the action while you guess what the word is. If they find this difficult, you could give them a word to act out.

↗ You can make this game a bit more difficult by encouraging your child to put the action word into a sentence, e.g. instead of just saying 'brushing' they could say "You're brushing your teeth."

Story time talking

↗ Does your child have a favourite story that they know really well?

↗ See if they can tell you all about their favourite book or story. You can give them some clues to help if needed, like:

• Who is in the story?
• Where does it happen?
• What happens?
• How does it all end up?

↗ Or you could tell the story, but make some mistakes– can they spot where you go wrong...?!