**Top Tips for Supporting 18 months - 2 yr old Child’s Communication...**

**Talking..**
Talk about everyday activities e.g. washing, shopping
Everyday jobs, activities help your child connect with the

**Choices**
Offer your child 2 choices e.g. “car or bricks”, “Biscuit or apple”, to help your child to understand, use objects and helps with decision making

**Actions/gestures /signs**
Introduce actions, signs and gestures to support your child to request objects
Using gestures, actions can reduce their frustration when not being understood

**Picture books..**
Introduce Lift-the-Flap books with your child..This can help develop your child’s concentration skills

**Expanding...**
Build on your child’s words e.g. Child says “juice” , you expand with “more juice”

Hearing words linked together helps your child understand words can link together

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