

Ideas to support conversations

Strategies to support learners to engage in conversations.

Negotiation or conflict resolution:

- Support with pictures or drawing.
- Model new and key language.

Re-telling events:

- Talk it through first.
- Storyboard ideas in sequence.
- Provide sentence starters.

Build confidence using language:

- Use a puppet or toy.
- Encourage the toy to carry out the actions.

Increase vocab:

- Represent new vocabulary and concepts using objects and pictures.
- Talk more to learners who talk the least.

Communication breakdown:

- Teach learners strategies to use (for example, gesturing for a speaker to stop or by saying “I don’t understand”).

Talking about emotions and feelings:

- Teach vocab for emotions, thoughts and feelings.
- Use pictures of different facial expressions to explore language.

Talking to others or sharing in a group:

- Give time so learners can process language and think about what they want to say.

