

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 to use language

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

Increase vocabulary

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 vocabulary 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.

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