

Support communication

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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Ideas to support conversation

Role model wide and varied vocabulary to enrich language experiences.

- ✓ Cut down on the amount that you talk.
- ✓ Comment on what students are doing – this is less pressured than asking questions.
- ✓ When students can't think of what to say, help them. For example, if a student wants to join in a game say, "Ben, you could say, 'Can I join in?'".
- ✓ Demonstrate how to say things. Should a student say, "Car blue school", you can continue the conversation by adding, "So you saw a blue car on the way to school".
- ✓ Expand on what students say – this helps them to build longer sentences.
- ✓ Expand students' vocabulary. Instead of saying "Pass me the blue and red container", say "Pass me the colourful container".

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Ideas to support task completion

Adapt your language to support student processing.

- ✓ Break tasks into very small stages.
- ✓ Give one instruction, then time to complete action before giving the second instruction.
- ✓ Speak in short sentences, with a short pause in between to allow for processing.
- ✓ Use simple sentences, with simple vocabulary.

Support understanding with visuals

Making a banana smoothie

1.
Collect
ingredients



2.
Blend ingredients
together



3.
Drink your
smoothie



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Develop oral language strategies



Reflective questions:

- ▶ How are we creating opportunities in our learning environment for tamariki to become bilingual, biliterate, multilingual, and multiliterate?
- ▶ How do we partner with families to support the home languages of tamariki in our service?
- ▶ What is one next step we can make in intentionally strengthening our partnership with families?

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