Support communication



A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Key areas to support' from the Guide: Speech, language & communcation needs

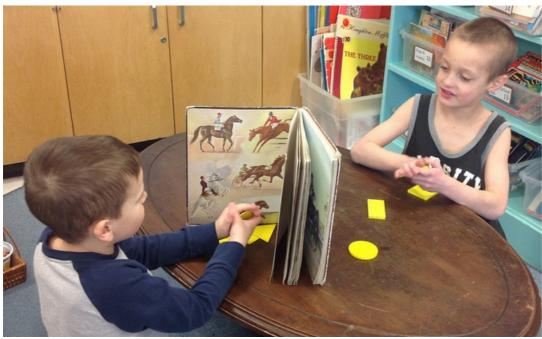
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Ideas to support conversation

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".

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



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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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