

Adopt expressive language strategies

Adopt strategies to help ākongā to learn new words, use correct grammar, construct sentences and express their needs and ideas.

- ✓ Engage in two-way conversations with ākongā.
- ✓ Prompt conversations by commenting, describing and narrating rather than direct questioning.
- ✓ Encourage all forms of communication including NZSL, use of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), as well as using gestures, hand signals, objects, pictures and writing.
- ✓ Encourage active participation when telling and reading stories and pūrākau.
- ✓ Offer a variety of verbal games and waiata.
- ✓ Chant and repeat familiar stories, waiata or songs and rhymes.
- ✓ Offer sentence starters or choices and prompts to reduce the complexity of responses required of ākongā.
- ✓ Wait for ākongā to use sentences, make choices or request items so that they can practise expressing themselves.

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