

IMITATING

Imitation will motivate and encourage your child to interact with you. Imitation shows your child that you are interested in what he/she is doing, and also encourages him/her to imitate you back.

Some suggestions for imitating your child are:

- follow your child's lead by imitating his/her body movements and facial expressions
- try imitating with another toy rather than expecting your child to share his/her toy

Imitate what your child says and make corrections. For example:

Child: "Ded car."

Parent: "Yes, red car."

Imitate and add one or two more words. For example:

Child: "Put baby."

Parent: "Put baby on table."

Add new ideas to what your child says. For example:

Child: "Doggie!"

Parent: "Doggie says woof, woof!"

