

# *Use simple* **LANGUAGE**

Use short sentences when talking to your child (i.e., one to three words at most).

Always stay one step above your child's current level of communication. For example:

You offer your child juice. Instead of asking, "Do you want to have a glass of juice?" try the following:

<b>If your child ...</b>	<b>You should ...</b>	<b>Example</b>
Uses no words	Use single words	"Juice?"
Uses single words	Use two-word combinations	"Want juice?"
Uses two-word combinations	Use three-word combinations	"Want some juice?"



- This strategy can be used to help your child **understand** what you say
- Using short phrases helps your child to pick out the important words from the sentence
- If your child already has a good understanding of language, using short sentences will make it easier for your child to copy what you are saying