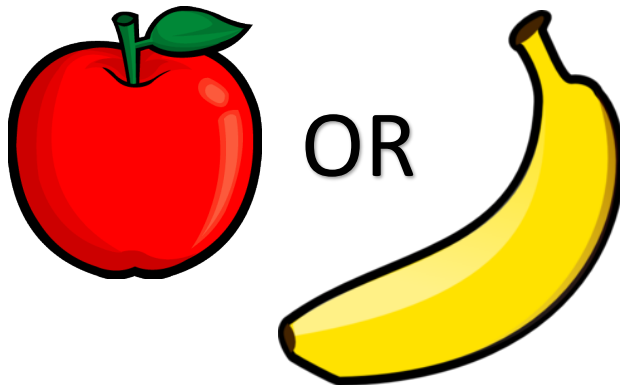


Stimulating Language Skills



Use these strategies in **AT LEAST** 15 minutes of focused play with your child every day



Give choices

- It's a question that *models* words
- E.g. "Apple or banana?"
- You can use this all the time, not just in play



Expansions

- Repeat the word or phrase your child said
- Add on something interesting!
- E.g. "big ball!" – "Big ball! Big *blue* ball. Bounce big ball!"



Sabotage your child

- Make opportunities for them to speak
- Withhold items they want so that they request it
- Give them the words if they need it



Ask the right questions

- No 'testing'
- Don't ask a question that you know the answer to
- Ask questions that encourage imagination

Keep going! As your child's language develops, so can yours. Speak at a level slightly more complex than what your child is able to say. If they start using 2-3 word phrases, you can use 3-5 word phrases!

Some of these strategies are becoming a habit now – that's great! Try using them in every day routines as well. The more your child is exposed to this language, the better.