

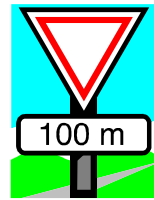
Talking Together

Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help them to learn and develop language.



Here are some ideas for developing the language of maths.

- ☺ Talk about the shapes of everyday objects such as doors, windows, clocks, plates, cups, eyes.
- ☺ On the way to the shops help your child to notice the numbers on the doors of houses and point out interesting patterns using mathematical language such as 'odd' and 'even' to describe numbers.
- ☺ Look at street signs and road signs and notice the shapes and numbers. Ask your child to find a particular shape and count how many they see.
- ☺ At the supermarket help your child to understand that some objects are stored 'high up' and some are 'low down' by asking them to get you something from the shelf.
- ☺ Children love to help, so ask them to get you 5 carrots or 10 apples. You can help them select the good ones which offers an opportunity to learn about how fruit and vegetable decay over time.
- ☺ On the way home just stand and listen to the sounds around you and ask your child to describe what they can hear or see. Look at the clouds and talk about the patterns they make.



Involving your child in a shopping trip will make it more enjoyable for all.

Happy shopping!