SYMBOLIC SOUNDS

These sounds often come before children's true first words. Copying sounds of any kind is an important stage in learning to talk. Your child will become more confident in making and experimenting with a range of sounds and will enjoy it when you say them back.

Make your voice interesting by varying your tone, expression and volume



Listen and Copy!

Listen to your child and copy the sounds that they make, such as blowing raspberries.

Babble with your child: "ma ma ma" "da da da" "bee bee bee" "ga ga ga".



Feeling Sounds!

Emphasis sounds associated with different feelings, e.g:

"mmmm" – lovely ice cream
"ahhh" – what a lovely baby
"oooo" – what's hiding?
"oops" – something fell



Animal Sounds!

Associate animals sounds with toys, pictures in books or actions

Dog – "woof woof"
Bee – "buzz buzz"
Horse – "neigh"
Cow – "moooo"



Try some NEW sounds!

Try some new sounds that your child doesn't say, especially those that mix consonants and vowels e.g. "la la" OR "wa wa"

Don't worry if your child doesn't say them like you do



Action Sounds!

Make sounds that can be associated with different actions

"bang bang"
"knock knock"
"tick tock"
"up up up"
"up up up"
"bye bye"
"ring ring"
"tap tap"



Vehicle Sounds!

Create an association between real, toy and pictures of vehicles

"brumm brumm"
"choo choo"
"nee-naw"
"vroom vroom"