



Language learning Tip for Home

Modeling Correct Speech

Why Model Correct Speech?

"Modeling" correct speech and language allows your child:

- s to feel that he/she has been heard.
- s to know that we are trying to understand him/her.
- s to hear the correct word or phrase he/she is trying to say.
- s to feel successful in getting his/her message across.

How Do You Model Correct Speech?

- s Listen to what your child has said, and then repeat it back using the correct sound, sentence or grammatical structure.
- s Emphasize the target structure by saying it slightly longer and louder than the other sounds/words.
- s Fill in the gaps in your child's phrases. Keep your sentences at the child's level or one step ahead.
- s Model slow speech for your child as this allows them to hear the correct form and encourages them to slow their speech, which helps them produce it correctly.

Examples:

Child: Ta!
Adult: *Cat.* There's the *cat*.

Child: Where my soes?
Adult: Your *shoes*? I don't know. Let's look for your *shoes*.

Child: Her has ice cream.
Adult: Yes, *she* has ice cream.

