

How your children communicate

Let's yarn about communicating

Does your child:

- avoid talking to people?
- find it hard to follow or understand instructions?
- talk too much?
- get frustrated when trying to talk about things?
- play with objects and things instead of people?

If you answered yes, this may mean your child:

- does not know how to communicate
- does not understand what is being said
- does not know when to talk or when to stop
- does not know how to play with people
- feels frustrated that others do not listen to him or her

If your child behaves like this, you could try:

- getting their attention first by using their name
- telling them one thing at a time
- getting down to their level to yarn with them
- giving a positive response when your child responds correctly
- using visuals – pictures or words on cards that help to explain these ideas

Important:

If you are concerned about your child's development, see your doctor or go to a child health centre.

**DON'T 'wait and see'
- ACT NOW**