

Tips for unclear speech

- Listen to what your child says and not how he/she says it.
- Repeat back the words your child says correctly so that they hear good examples.
- Don't ask your child to say the words again.
- Don't 'correct' your child's speech by saying 'no...it's a biscuit'.
- Don't pretend to understand. Instead, ask your child to show you, point to it or mime it.
- Think about using 'Special Time'. This involves just 5 minutes a day playing with your child or sharing a book. Turn off background noise so that your child can hear you easily. Talk about what your child is doing or things that he is looking at.



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