

## CLASSROOM STRATEGIES TO ASSIST EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE

- Accept communication attempts
- Don't directly correct errors
- Model correct version of the statement
- Create a 'space' so that the child can talk – 'OWL,' Observe, Wait and Listen
- Alert the child when it may be their turn to talk
- Recognise alternative ways of communication (e.g. signing/symbols)
- Be aware of how you use questions – are they getting the expected responses?
- Encourage the use of visual skills to aid expression
- Provide key words
- Develop reading skills as a resource and teaching tool