

It is important that adults are aware of their own use of language when supporting children with comprehension difficulties.

## Strategies to assist comprehension

- Simplify sentences and vocabulary
- Slow down your rate of speech
- Give information in short 'chunks'
- Keep the 'order-of-mention' the same as 'order-of-action'
- Use the child's name before issuing directions or giving information
- Support what you say with visuals
- Identify topics clearly and signal a change in topic before it happens
- Identify new vocabulary and check understanding of key words
- Use literal language; avoid ambiguities

