FAMILY LEARNING

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Language 360: Making the Most of Everyday Moments

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Connect Through Play

Play repetitive games your child enjoys.
Take turns during play and communication.
Let your child lead the activity.

Example: Roll a ball back and forth, saying "My turn....your turn!" each time.

2

Focus on Shared Attention

Bring objects to your child's eye level.
Point and sign words together.
Use consistent routines throughout the day.

Example: While reading a book, point to the dog and sign "Dog! The dog is running."

3

Build Language in Daily Routines

Offer choices to encourage communication.
Pause and wait for your child to respond.
Narrate your actions to model natural language.

Example: During snack time ask, "Do you want apples or crackers?" then wait for your child's response before giving the snack.

4

Celebrate Every Communication

Celebrate small wins with your child.
Spend few minutes daily in focused interaction. Use modeling and expanding language strategies.

Example: When your child points to a toy, respond positively and expand their message ("Ball—yes, big red ball!").

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