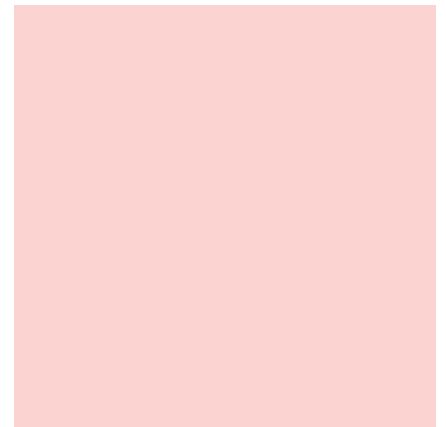




Talking and listening

Ways to help your child



At school, students learn and practise their skills in talking and listening and they share their experiences and new learning.

Children learn to interact with others, work out ideas, consider possibilities and build on the responses of others.

This happens in many ways including:

- Working in pairs, groups and class discussions
- Reporting back sessions from an excursion for example
- News items and debates
- Guided small group discussions
- Formal presentations

Helping your child at home

Children need to develop ways of sharing their ideas and ways of listening and responding to others.

The following are suggestions of how you can assist your child in this way. If you speak a language other than English at home, follow these suggestions for the language you use.

- Encourage your child to talk about different topics
- Ask your child questions starting with what, who, where and when to encourage your child to give

more information in response to questions about events they were at, such as days at school and birthday parties

- Use all possible opportunities to encourage conversations with your child
- Encourage your child to explain their reasoning to you when they are making decisions. Listen and respond in ways that promote further thinking.