

## Speech Language and Communication (including ASD) home learning idea

- If your child has been learning Makaton at school or if you are interested in learning about Makaton you can access free resources directly from the Makaton charity. The resources are linked to healthcare, nursery rhymes and core words to learn:

<https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/browseStore/Free-resources>



- You will also find videos for any words that may wish to learn with your child on YouTube such as Singing Hands - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IAIsWyku8>, and with CBeebies Mr Tumble

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIXsU4V0zz8>.



- Encourage your child to play with words at home. Ask them to clap out how many sounds in their name, in your name in their favourite food. Talk to them about the sounds that are at the beginning and end of words. Speech links have put together a pack of games to support word work at home. The games can be printed out and used several times at home to support initial sound work, syllable work and making connections: <https://speechandlanguage.info/resources/perch/pdf/speechlink-speech-language-communication-games-1.pdf>.



- Spend time talking with your child. This is vital for good speaking and listening skills. Chat to them about what you are doing over the day and ask them to tell you what they are doing. Encourage them to use words or signs to ask for things they want or need. The website Small Talk has some great ideas for things you can 'chat' about at home: <https://small-talk.org.uk/> as does the website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>.

**TINY Happy PEOPLE**  
Your words build their world

- Ask your child to identify sounds around them to help build listening skills. Share a listening moment in your garden, ask your child what they can hear and share with them what you can hear. Being able to stop and listen together is an important skill. Share the sounds from Andy's Sound Adventures on CBeebies with your child: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/andys-sound-adventures>.



- If your child struggles to spend time playing with things with you, or has a diagnosis of Autism and you have heard they have been working on Attention Autism, The Gina Davies Autism Centre has been uploading videos to support parents at home. These may give you some ideas: <https://www.facebook.com/ginadaviesautism/>.



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- Play games with your child that develop understanding of language. We uploaded to the website a range of games to develop language skills from Infant Language Link. These include using and understanding words like in, on and under, first and last, following instructions etc.



- Use Widgit symbols with your child to help them communicate with you. We have uploaded two Widgit cards one with basic vocabulary and one with games to help your child to make choices or tell you what they like or don't like.



- These websites also include many other resources that you may find helpful whilst your child is at home:

<https://chatterpack.net/>

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>



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