Developing good listening skills will enable your child to learn lots of new words. Hearing lots of words spoken by adults will help their own bank of words to grow. The more words they hear, the more they then know, which will help them learn to read and write once they start school.

“You’re pushing the red car; it’s going under the chair; the dog is chasing the car …”

**ACTIVITY – Commentary**

When your child is playing, get alongside them and comment on what they are doing “you’re pushing the red car; it’s going under the chair; the dog is chasing the car ....”

This means they are hearing words that interest them because they are relevant to what they are doing.