

Developing Comprehension

Using natural situations that occur throughout the day is a great tool to developing communication.

What follows are some examples of how you could implement this into your daily routine.

Area of understanding	Words you could use	Action you could make
Relating current activity to past experience	"It's a cow, you saw a cow at the zoo."	point to cow
Linking language to an act	"We are rolling the car down the hill." "This is how we open the pot."	roll the car open the pot
Understanding the function of objects	"We use the pan to cook the pasta." "We use the telephone to call nanna."	put the pasta in the pan pick up the telephone
Teaching cause and effect	"If you throw the water on the floor Mummy might slip." "You need to wear a coat, because you will get wet."	example at bath time point/show coat
Understanding activities by linking aspects together	"We need a pencil to draw a picture." "We need an umbrella in case it rains."	hold up pencil point to pencil show umbrella
Associating feelings to context	"Liam is sad because he wants the toy but can't have it this time." "Abbey is smiling because she is happy."	point/show smile