



I am a talker

Look at Me



All children are different.

All children matter

First, I need to develop my listening and attention skills.

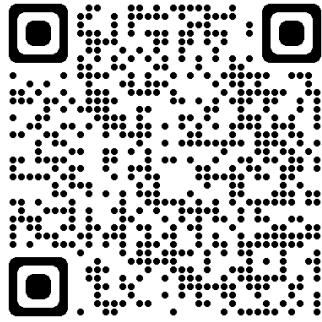
This supports me to learn new words and teaches me how to take turns in conversation. Using my name and being face to face with me will help to gain my attention.



Playing listening games like Simon Says or Ready, Steady, Go or reading short stories will help me to build my listening and attention skills.



Then I need to build up my understanding of words.
You might use Makaton to support this.



Showing me the object or action that matches the word will
build my language skills.



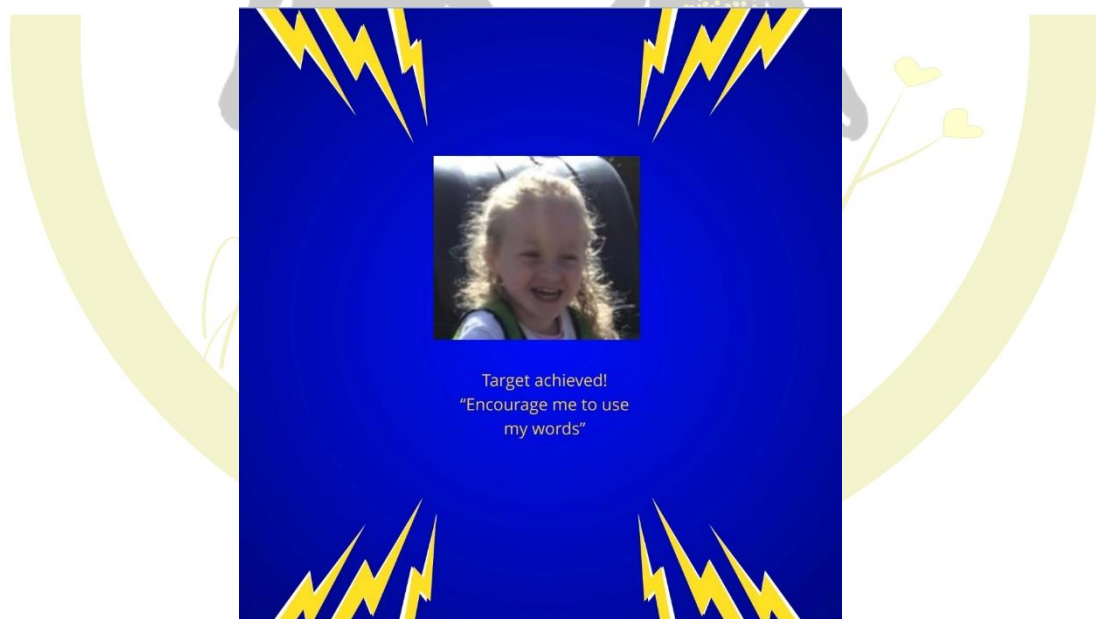
I like to have short and simple instruction which build up my
understanding of language. I need you to watch me to see if I
have understood. Then encourage me to ask if I haven't.



Reading stories and asking me the who, what and where questions will extend my understanding.



Next, I need to work on my expressive language. I need to use language and hear new words in different situations.



Sometimes I may make mistakes in the way I say something, but I will learn to fix it if you repeat back to me what I have said.

"I goed over there on my bike" reply to child, "Did you go over there on your bike?".

I need to have opportunities to talk about my own experiences and time to respond to others. (5-10 seconds)



Body language is important to me and helps me to know that I am being listened to.



Dummies can affect my speech.

Now its time for me to develop my play and social communication.

I like to role play or play with small world toys which may include dinosaurs or play people. Commenting on my play at my level helps me to hear new words and engage in conversation.



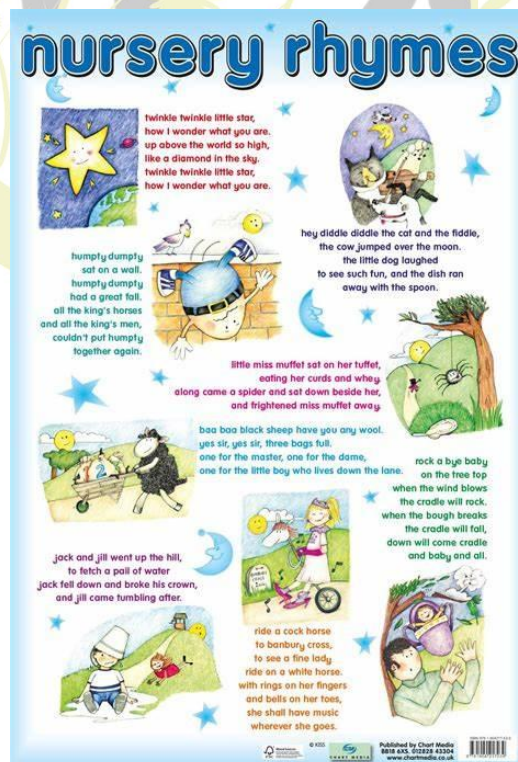
I need opportunities to turn take and share which will help me to develop my conversation skills.

You can help me achieve these skills by limiting the time I spend on the iPad, being at my level when playing with me, giving me time to respond and listening to what I have to say.

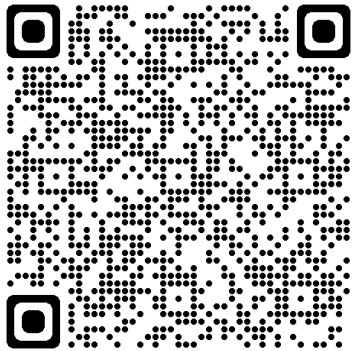


Once I have built my skills, I am ready to learn phonics.

I learn these through taking part in singing songs and learning nursery rhymes.



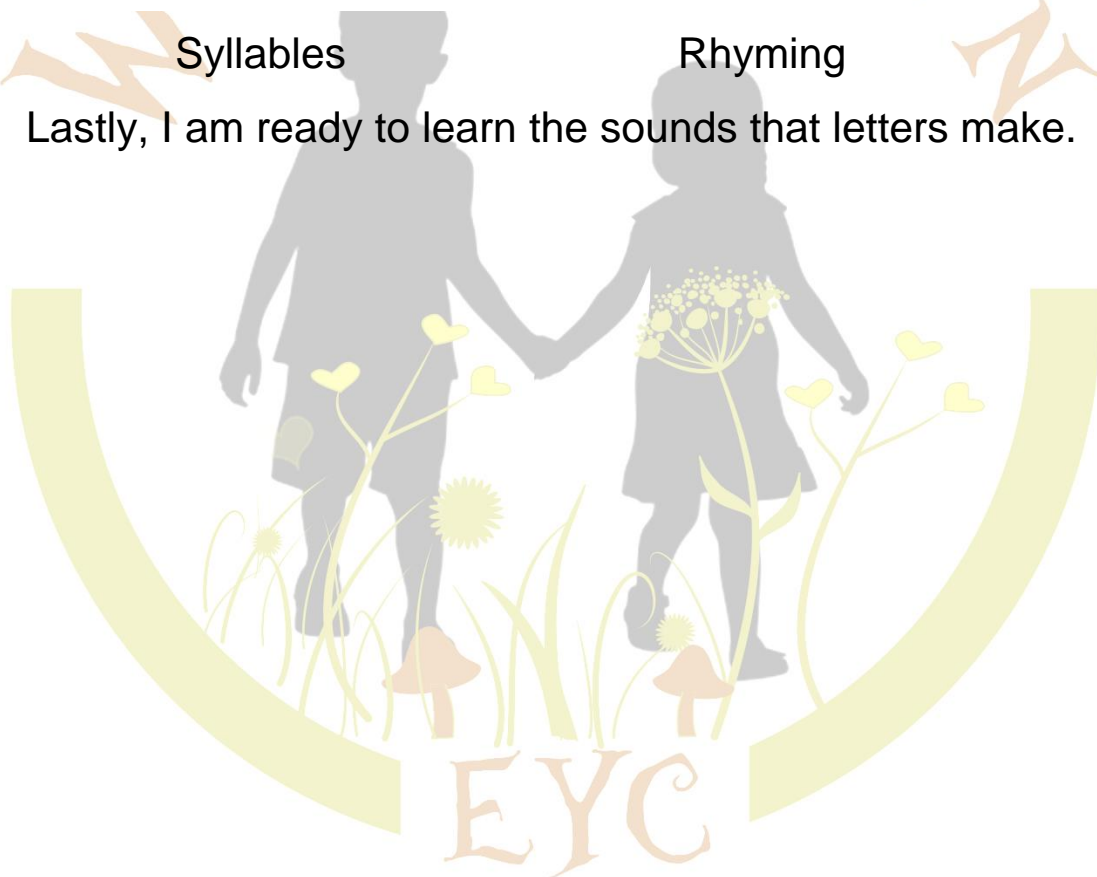
Then I can learn to clap out syllables and identify words that rhyme



Syllables

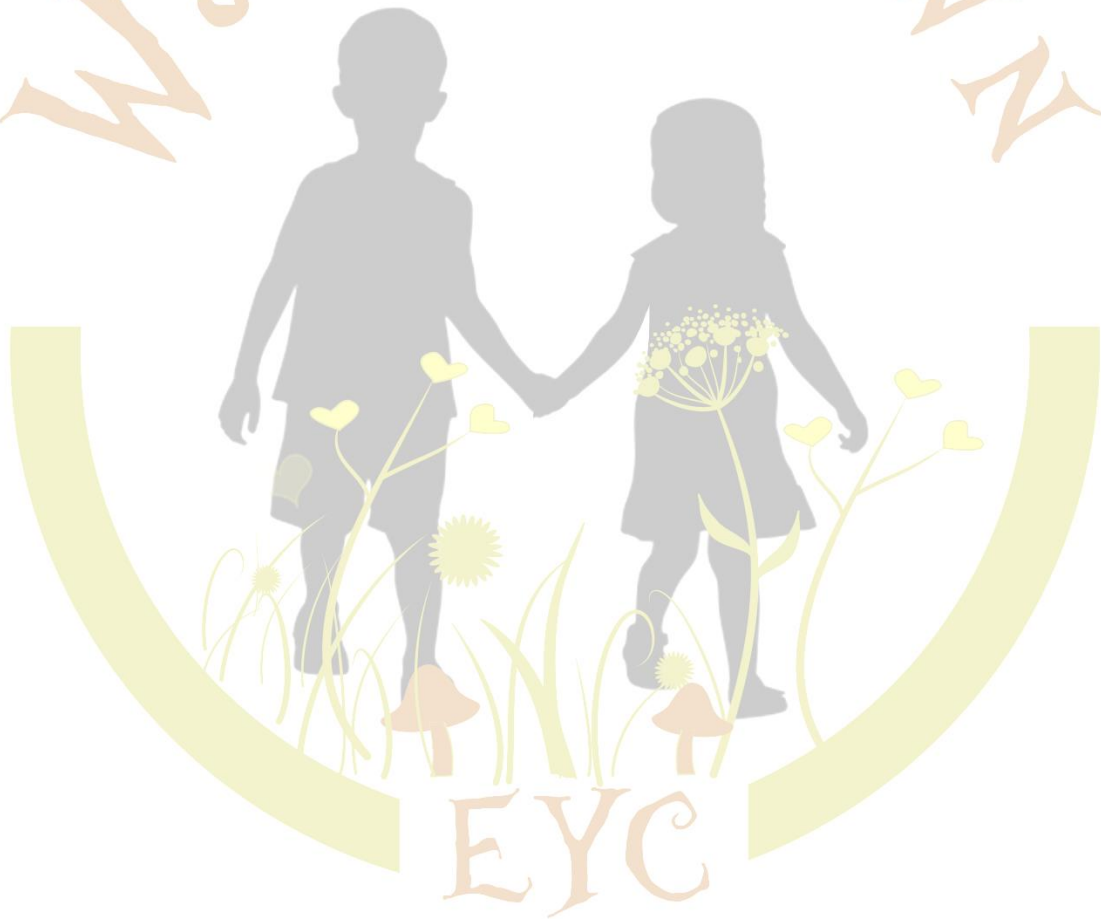
Rhyming

Lastly, I am ready to learn the sounds that letters make.



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