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## ASD and use of language

### Some suggestions on language you should use when engaging children with ASD

- Be clear and concise
  - Avoid jargon
  - Support communication with visual aids and objects
  - When offering choices, limit it to 2 or 3.
  - Only ask questions if necessary and keep them short
  - Be specific when communicating- try to include Who, What, Where, When particularly if it is a question for example if asking the children about their weekend, don't ask "How was your weekend?", be specific "How was your swimming lesson on Saturday?"
- Developing and maintaining a positive working relationship with the child's parents/ carers will enable you to have the information needed to have effective and positive communication with the child.

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