

# Follow the leader



## Watch what your child is doing

**Let children choose the activity that they want to do.** It encourages children to take the lead in play and helps develop children's confidence.

**Follow their focus of interest.** This helps to develop children's attention as they will be more motivated to talk.



Resist the temptation to tell them what to do with the toys, just **let them lead** and add simple language– they will be listening and learning.

You can show you are listening by ... **looking** at the children and what they are doing, by **answering** them or by **repeating** what they have said.

It encourages children to interact and communicate, and develops children's confidence.



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