
**Mātua & kaiako working
on the same strategies
can make a big difference**

OTHER THINGS FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT:

- Has your tamaiti had their hearing checked?
- Visit your GP or have a kōrero with your health nurse or kaiako.
- Hearing difficulties are not always obvious & sometimes more than one hearing check is needed.

Some children can have difficulties & this can cause frustration. If you find that your tamaiti is having difficulty with language, you will notice this in Te Reo Maori & any other language they may use.

When you notice that your tamaiti is starting to have difficulties with their communication, or their speech & language development, it can be very worrying, & this is common. However...

**INTERVENING EARLY CAN MAKE
A GREAT DIFFERENCE.**

Some tamariki can have difficulties which can not be solved by the suggestions in this sheet.

This may cause frustration for them & their whānau. If you are having difficulty managing the behaviour of tamaiti & would like further help contact us through the Tamaariki website, or contact Te Kohanga Reo National Trust or your local Ministry of Education office.

**Has your tamaiti had
their hearing checked?**

www.tamaariki.com



TAMAARIKI

COMMUNICATION

Speech & Language
Development

MAURI TŪ, MAURI OHOOHO, MAURI TAU

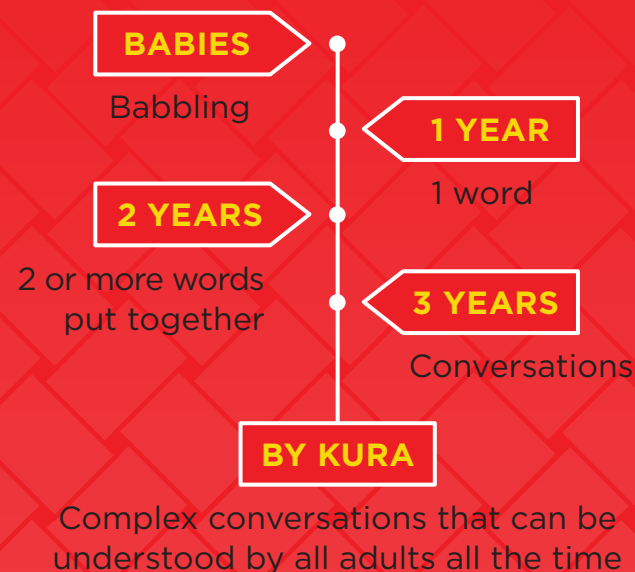
COMMUNICATION:

- Is the foundation for learning & development.
- Begins from conception & develops throughout a person's life.
- Is one of the most important skills a tamaiti will learn.
- Varies & develops at different rates.
- Every tamaiti is unique.
- Research has shown that tamariki who understand & use multiple languages are at an advantage.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- Talk about what is happening around your tamaiti.
- Be face to face when you are talking with your tamaiti.
- Look at books with your tamaiti & talk about the pictures.
- Slowly introduce new words to their vocabulary.
- Turn off technology.

AGES & STAGES:



TALKING

Kōrero ā-waha

BODY LANGUAGE OR GESTURES

Kōrero ā-tinana

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

Whakarongo/Māramatanga

LITERACY, FRIENDSHIPS, WAIATA TAKING PART IN KARAKIA,

Whakawhanaungatanga, kōrero a roopu

CLEAR SPEECH SOUNDS

Te mīta o te reo, ngā hua o te reo

SOME THINGS TO CHECK

Does your tamaiti have difficulty joining in with daily activities & talking with others at home & at Kohanga?	ĀE
	KAO
Is your tamaiti having difficulty understanding instructions/questions?	ĀE
	KAO
Is your tamaiti having difficulty talking/communicating with others?	ĀE
	KAO
Is your tamaiti becoming withdrawn or showing difficult behaviours?	ĀE
	KAO

IF YOU ANSWER ĀE TO ANY OF THE PĀTAI, YOU CAN TRY THE FOLLOWING:

- Some of the strategies from this information brochure.
- Have a kōrero with someone who knows your tamaiti well:
 - This could be kaiako or other whānau members.
 - Have kaiako or other whānau noticed the same things?
 - Are kaiako using any strategies?