

# Communication & Language at Assessments



Children will be asked to follow simple instructions.

At home - start with 1 step instructions and then build up to more.

Children are often asked questions about themselves and their families. Practise talking to them about who their family members are, their names and where they live.

Children will be expected to ask questions. Encourage them to question and have the confidence to request something for their own needs e.g. toileting

This is a MAJOR aspect of the assessment.

Social skills including;

eye contact, smiling, politeness, good manners and the willingness/ability

to communicate with peers and adults is very important.

Positive behaviour is also a must and compliance when given simple instructions.

They may be presented with the opportunity to sing nursery rhymes and/or dance.

Make it a normality and do it together at home.

Most assessments include a story being read to the children. Their ability to listen, engage and answer questions will be being monitored.

Encourage your child to role play. This could be offered at an assessment and allows them to show their ability to imagine and create.

Schools will look for children who are willing to have a go at something new. Allow them these opportunities and how to deal with failure if they struggle to complete the task.