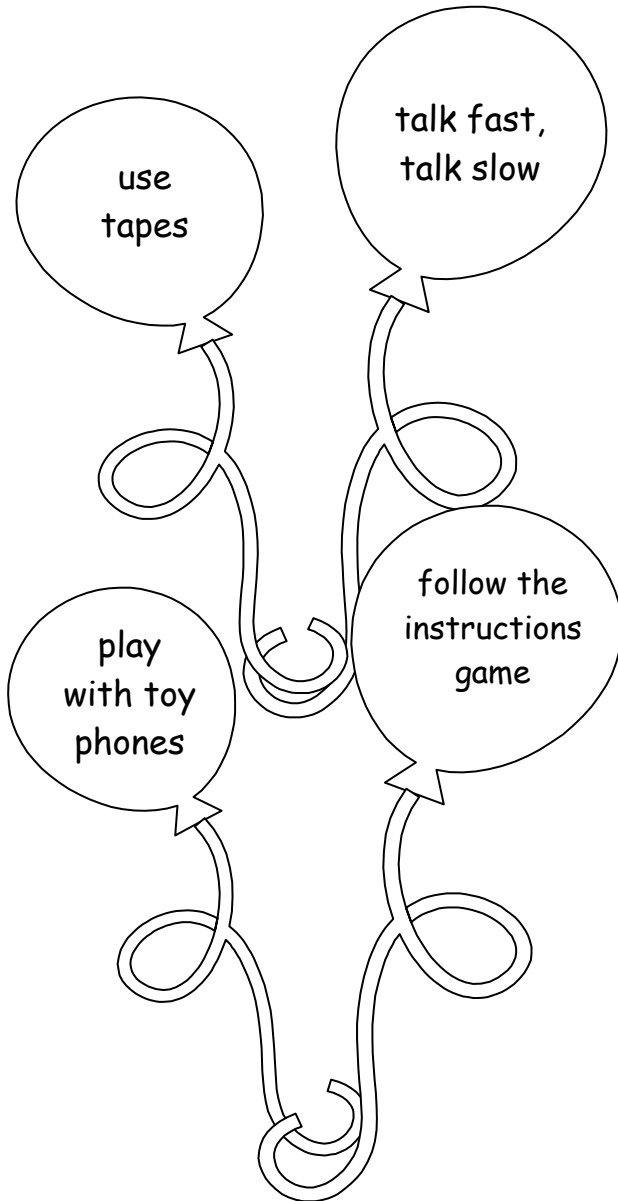
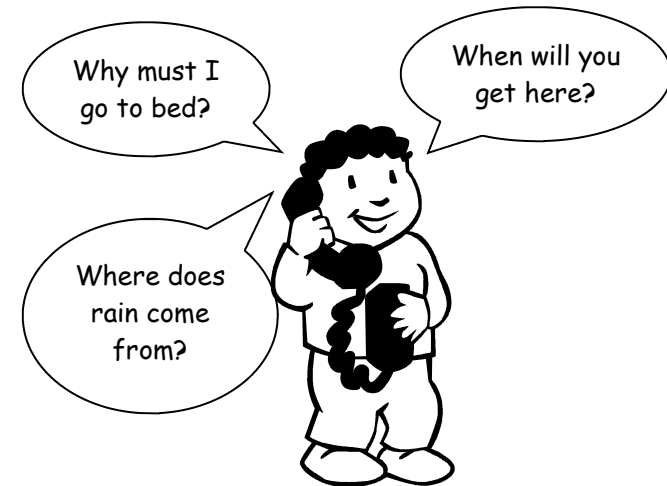


**Make it  
fun!!!**



**It's fun  
to learn**



**by talking  
and listening**

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## Why are listening and talking important?

Children make sense of the world by talking aloud with other children and adults, working out the problems they find and listening to answers to the questions they ask.

Talking and discussing helps your child to work things out and communicate.

Listening helps your child to learn to understand and to follow instructions. This is an important skill to help your child settle in at school.

## Some Suggestions

Talk to your child about everyday activities.

Provide role play opportunities to encourage your child to retell stories or act out real life situations, e.g. playing at shops. Use dressing up clothes, hats or puppets.



Make up a game of following instructions.

Bring me a soft toy, a brick and two books!

Send your child on a message, e.g. ask Gran for a stamp or Dad for a newspaper.

Talk about the shopping list as you go round the supermarket.

We need cereal.  
Where are the cereal boxes?

What is your favourite?

Which one will be buy?

What else do we need?