



Chat Challenge with ... Technology

Each week we will share a new activity for you. These are fun activities, using things already in your home, which will support speech, language and communication.

You can see demonstrations of them ...<https://youtu.be/wcFsQWNafzw>

To do this activity you will need:

- An electronic device such as tablet, laptop, smart phone
- Activities that your child will enjoy doing on these devices (some suggestions are on this leaflet too)

This chat challenge has been designed to focus on:

- increasing vocabulary
- turn taking
- problem solving
- telling stories
- problem solving
- answering questions

For younger children:

- Label: a range of objects, actions and describing words
- Comment: on what you are watching/playing

For older children

- Use words that are more complicated
- Ask them questions about how and why they did something

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For Pre-School Children:

1. Choose some short YouTube songs that you think your child would like (maybe nursery rhymes). Say 'ready, steady, go!' and press play, have a short dance party! Then pause and say 'stop!'. Then say 'ready, steady, go!' again and restart the video.
 - Try leaving longer pauses in between the 'ready, steady, go!' to get them excited and increase their attention.
 - Label simple things that you can see in the videos to support their vocabulary.
2. Find YouTube clips like 'Guess the Animal Sound' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qd6wZHUdCUg>) and 'What Sound Can you Hear?' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcWvWHO-9qI>).
 - These are listening games ... see what you can hear!

For children in their first years at school:

1. Use simple games (like on CBeebies). Take in turns saying 'your turn', 'my turn' each time you swap over. Comment with short phrases on what you/they are doing.
2. Develop vocabulary using YouTube clips like 'Guess the Fruit' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVE9pYdwX-l>) and 'Guess the Animal' (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKw_4ck3JF0). See who can guess the quickest!
3. Let them take photos of anything around the house. Look through the photos together and talk about them. This could be describing an object, or saying what someone is doing.

Look on the next page for activities for older children in primary and secondary school.

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For older children in primary school:

1. Let your child choose one of their favourite games. Get them to explain the game, the rules, and how you score points. This is a great way to develop sequencing and giving instructions.
2. Take some photos or look at your photo albums:
 - Use the editing feature to change them slightly (e.g. black out an object, crop something out) and play 'Spot The Difference' with the real picture.
 - Look at old photos with them. Can your child remember the story behind it or if they've not seen it, guess what is happening? How do people feel in the photo? What will they do next?
3. YouTube Games such as 'What am I' can also be fun to play together and race each other! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WjLxwOO5_w)

For secondary school children:

1. Get your child to make a movie! They can do stop motion with Lego, or make up a play to perform either alone or with a sibling.
2. Before playing any apps or games together, each write down your top 5. Discuss why you like them, and negotiate which one to play.
3. Encourage your child to plan for a video call with someone (e.g. family member they can't visit). See if they can plan an interview to learn something new from them, then call to ask the questions. Can they tell you the answers afterwards?

There are lots of other ideas on our social media pages (see bottom banner), and another activity coming soon!

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