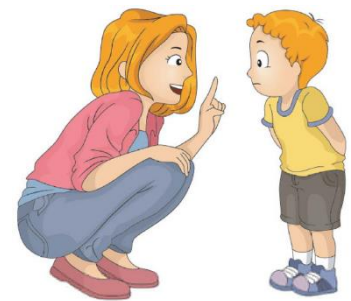


Modelling Clear Speech

Children learn speech sounds by listening to the speech of others and trying to imitate the sounds and words they say! Here are some ideas to help you to provide good models for your child to learn from:

To encourage clear speech:

- a) Move closer and get down to your child's level.
- b) Interact **face-to-face** with your child so they can easily see your mouth movements.
- c) Eliminate background noise when possible.
- d) **Exaggerate** and add **extra emphasis** to your articulation (show your child how to use their jaw, lips, teeth and tongue to form consonant sounds)
- e) Speak clearly and **slowly** (without sounding like a robot!)
- f) **Repeat** your child's mispronounced word naturally to model the correct pronunciation
 - a. For Example, if your child says "my tup!", you can model "C-up. You need a c-up. Here is your c-up!"
- g) Avoid asking your child to repeat after you. Just let them hear how the word sounds when you say it!



Repeat, repeat, repeat!



Find opportunities to practice:

- **Read books** that contain a sound that your child struggles with. Use the strategies above to model the correct sound while reading. Encourage your child to describe the pictures for more practice. See booksharetime.com/books for examples of books that have your child's target sound
- **Use daily routines** to model sounds for your child
 - Bathtime – fish, frog, flop, fun
 - Getting Dressed – shirt, shoes, shorts
 - Cooking Dinner – supper, stir, some, sauce
 - Driving in the car – look, lights, lock, leaves

