



## Ideas for helping you with your Spoken Language

Speaking confidently and fluently is a major skill. We all get nervous when we must talk in front of others in assemblies or the classroom and some of us find it difficult to reason or debate e.g. For and Against arguments. The more you practise basic talking skills, the better you will get.

Remember basic skills include: Looking at the person, open body language, intonation and variation in your tone of voice and taking your turn to speak without interrupting others.

Whilst you are at home, you should give yourself opportunities to talk to your family, friends over the phone and being friendly to neighbours – You can give your point of view, argue a point or simply talk about a tv programme or film.

Activity	Skills it supports	What to do
"I remember...."	Memory Recall Observation Attention	Set a challenge of who can remember the most details during a daily activity. Examples: Street names after going for a walk; brands of cereal after going to the shops.
"What would you do if...?"	Reasoning Justification	Ask challenging questions! Examples: What would you do if you found a £50 note in the park? What would you do if you saw a young child, standing alone, crying in a public area?
"This one time...."	Story retell Narrative	See who can give the best account of a positive event you experienced as a family (e.g. a holiday, a family celebration). Who gives the best description of the people who were there, where it took place, when it happened, etc?
"News, news news"	Comprehension Vocabulary	Discuss a news article or television broadcast - what is it about? Check if there are any tricky words that are hard to understand and look them up.
"When we're out of lockdown...."	Planning Organisation	Plan a fictional event together that you would love to do when lockdown is over, such as a party – What do you need? How much time do you need? Who else needs to be involved?
"Agree or Disagree?"	Reasoning Justification	Write some statements on pieces of paper – take it in turns to discuss them and your reasons for your answer, for example - <i>footballers get paid too much</i> – agree or disagree? <i>Climate change is the biggest problem we have today</i> – agree/disagree?