

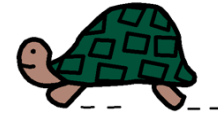
Increasing Intelligibility

Even though some children do not have many speech sound errors, their speech can still be difficult to understand. Here are some ways to help you child learn good speaking practices (best speech) at home.

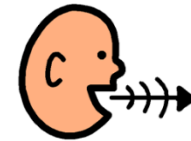
- If you frequently have difficulty understanding your child or notice that other people do, pay attention to which best speech rule(s) your child is breaking.
- Model best speech practices in your own speech. Many adults speak very fast.
- If the child says something and it's hard to understand, point to the poster and ask the child to say it again using their best speech.
- If you hear the child mumbling, ask them to repeat it using clear speech.
- If you hear the child talking very softly, ask the child to turn their volume up and say it again.
- When you hear/see you child using these strategies, comment, e.g. "You spoke slower. I understood you!"
- Use the poster during a mealtime or game to remind the whole family to use their best speech.

BEST SPEECH

1. I can Speak slowly



2. I can Speak loudly



3. I can Speak clearly



4. I can Make eye contact



5. I can keep my fingers out of my mouth and off my face.

