

# Supporting and assessing early communication



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## Teachers can support children's oral language and early communication by:

Creating a rich communication environment

Viewing everyday situations, such as care routines and play activities, as opportunities to communicate

Using specific language and communication strategies



Involving families and communities

## It is also important to assess children's oral language and ability to communicate as they develop over time by:



Creating a communication profile to document and record progress

Taking note of both how and why children communicate

Considering both verbal and embodied forms of communication

Assessing children's communication in context

Looking for patterns, strengths, gaps and areas of challenge



Considering whether children might need additional support in some areas

