

Teaching verbs

To help children to learn verbs, they need to hear them several times a day and used in a variety of contexts. The following are some ways that you can help to teach your child verbs.

- **Commenting**

Verbs are doing words, and each of us do lots of things every day. Therefore, there will be many opportunities every day for you to comment using verbs. The following are a few examples:

- When you or your child eats or drinks
- At bath time, you could talk about washing and drying
- On a walk, you can talk about all of the things happening – ‘the man is driving a bus’ ‘the boy is walking’ ‘the girl is throwing a ball’.

- **Playing**

When your child is playing, there will be lots of opportunities to use verbs to describe what is happening. The following are some examples:

- Playing with bricks – e.g. ‘let’s build a house’
- Playing with a tea set – e.g. ‘the teddy is drinking juice’
- Playing with dolls – e.g. ‘let’s brush dolly’s hair’
- Playing with cars – e.g. ‘the car is driving’

- **Every day activities**

When you are doing an activity, let your child sit with you. This will give you the chance to use verbs to talk about what you are doing. For example, when you are cooking, you can comment on all the different things you are doing like ‘cooking’, ‘washing’, ‘drying’, ‘cutting’.