

# Talk to your child in **your own language**...



- ★ Use the language you are most comfortable with.
- ★ If you are using two languages at home, keep them separate - use them at different times, in different places, or have one person speak one language.
- ★ It's normal for children to mix languages, and to do lots of listening before they start talking.

- ★ Talking more than one language is an advantage! Children may be better readers, learn new languages easier, and be more flexible thinkers.
- ★ A child who develops good use of their first language is more likely to develop a good second language.



- ★ Have fun with songs, rhymes and stories in your own language
- ★ It can be helpful for your child to play with children who speak the same first language as them.

Speaking more than one language does not cause speech and language difficulties.