

# Parents/caregivers' guide to make best use of the SfLP resources

## Do:

- Have fun and enjoy your time with your child.
- Keep it simple – it needs to be enjoyable for both you and your child.
- Just give it a go!
- Try one new SfLP activity from the 8 different learning areas (all different colours).
- Encourage new words and ideas.
- Focus on positive talk.
- Get as many family members involved as you can, including your older children.
- Make the most of every day chores and activities to have a conversation with your child.
- Encourage your child to retell their favourite stories from books or from their own experiences.
- Call on other family members and friends to support you in areas you don't feel so comfortable with.
- Enjoy each new word and learning.
- Tell stories about anything, real or imagined.

## Remember:

- First language is best.
- Try small things, take small steps.
- If you stop for a time, just pick it up and start again.

**Talk with your child using more words.**

**More words gift more words.**

**Your child's words will grow.**

**More words gift more ideas.**

**Your child's ideas will grow.**



**Talk to your child using more words.**

**Encourage your child to talk by looking and listening.**

**Ask questions with your child to help them to think. Talk about your thinking too.**

**Explain what you are doing and what words mean.**

**Join in, laugh and play with your child. Children love fun.**

**Use more words. These are gifts, helping them to become great talkers.**

**Use new and different words. They can learn and use these too.**

**Give your child time to talk. Notice what they are saying and respond to their talk.**

**For fun, easy and free activities to help get children ready for school and life, visit:**

**[sflp.org.nz](http://sflp.org.nz)**



**Success for Little People**