

Speech Reader

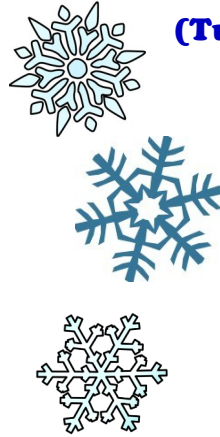
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HELPING HANDS

Using sign has been shown to aid in language growth and development. Below is simple sign for snow.



Snowflakes, Snowflakes (Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

**Snowflakes falling
One by one,
Time to play and have some fun
Build a snowman
Snowballs, too,
Come and see what you can do.
Snowflakes falling
One by one,
Time to play and have some fun.**

Tip of the week

As you ring in the new year and start working towards your resolutions, take some time to reflect on the past year of your child's speech and language development. What new skills has your child acquired? 8 months ago? 6 weeks ago? Even 5 days ago? Does your child use more words? Maybe he or she hasn't started using words but has gained the skill of responding to their name or maintaining eye contact with others. No matter how small or big the changes in communication may be it is important to focus on your child's strengths. Try to encourage positive communication development by giving credit to the skills your child already has, and opening the doors for new skills to arise.

Keep Your Eyes Peeled

Using words and sounds are not the only indicators of language development, they are just obvious. Also be sure to look for the following skills in your child as signs of language development.

- Turn taking in both play and communicative interactions.
- Using gestures to signal needs and wants.
- Reciprocating sounds through imitation.
- Following simple commands (i.e. roll the ball).
- Turning head towards sound or speakers.
- Vocalizing sounds for different emotions.

