

## Playing video games

### Why play video games together?

Level up your conversations! Talking about something your child loves keeps the chatter flowing and builds their speech and language skills without them even noticing. It's fun, natural, and a great way to connect too!

### How to make video games helpful: 5 quick tips

#### 1. Be (a bit) competitive!

"Wow, you came first this time!", "My car is faster than yours!"

Who doesn't like a little friendly rivalry? Keep things exciting while boosting your child's knowledge of time words and -er endings!

#### 2. Make your child the gaming guru

"What does this button do?", "How do I beat the boss?"

Let your child be your gaming guide – power up their communication confidence!

#### 3. Talk about the action!

"You dodged that fiery trap!", "You defeated that sneaky baddie!"

Turn playtime into a live commentary! Help words and language structures grow, one mission at a time.

#### 4. What to do? Help them think it through!

"What do you think we should do now?", "How can we get past this level?"

Game time can be brain time. Help your child think it through, asking questions like these builds problem-solving skills and keeps their brains ticking!

#### 5. Comment using those tricky sounds

"My car is so fast", "Keep going!", "Don't hit the kerb!", "Oh no, a corner... kaboom!"

Does your child find certain sounds difficult to say? Weave them into your chat – the more you play and say them, the more tuned in your child will be!

