6 PRINCIPLES FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN’S LANGUAGE LEARNING

01. Children learn what they hear most, so talk early and often. 
   Narrate your daily activities; give choices!

02. Children learn words for things and events that interest them. 
   No talk about politics & taxes!

03. Interactive and responsive environments foster language. 
   So have real conversations!

04. Children learn best in meaningful contexts. 
   Link your talk to what children already know.

05. Children need to hear lots of talk from lots of people. 
   Encourage them to talk with others.

06. Children can learn vocabulary from hearing sentences. 
   How we use our words gives clues to meaning.

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