## Follow Your Child's Lead

## Why Should I Follow My Child's Lead?

A child who leads is having fun, a child who is having fun is interested and a child who is interested is learning and using more language!

## How do I Follow My Child's Lead?

Let your child choose a play activity.

Let your child choose a book to read together.

Let your child play with a toy in a different way.

You may have to put aside your ideas about how to play! Let your child show you how!

## Following My Child's Lead but Staying in Control

Following your child's lead doesn't mean you lose all control. Find suitable times and situations when it is appropriate to follow your child's lead so that you have a positive experience for everyone.

Follow your child's lead....at the park, during play

Take the lead...at the doctor's office, visiting a new place