

# FIVE COMPONENTS OF EFFECTIVE ORAL LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

## Section 7

### Developing Oral Language with your child

#### Top Ten Tips for Parents /Guardians



Infants – 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to what your child is saying /trying to say and respond to contributions</li> <li>• Make and maintain eye contact while talking with your child</li> <li>• Explain the meaning of words</li> <li>• Talk through activities</li> <li>• Talk through everyday experiences</li> <li>• Involve your child in discussions / plans</li> <li>• Ask / Answer questions</li> <li>• Teach your child nursery rhymes / songs / poems/ raps</li> <li>• Develop your child's receptive language by asking him/her to follow simple instructions</li> <li>• Assist your child to express ideas in an orderly fluent way</li> <li>• Read to your child each night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set aside 10-15 minutes to discuss the day's happenings</li> <li>• Encourage your child to express and justify opinions</li> <li>• Involve your child in adult conversation when appropriate</li> <li>• Talk about the child's favourite T.V programme</li> <li>• Play language games which focus on words i.e. Scrabble, crosswords</li> <li>• Encourage your child to talk about experiences with a wide range of people ; peers, relations, other adults</li> <li>• Listen carefully and clarify meaning 'Do you mean /or is this what you mean?'</li> <li>• Encourage your child to give reasons for decisions</li> <li>• Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinions of others</li> <li>• Talk about school topics and assignments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude to speaking / listening</li> <li>• Discuss your child's school work successes/concerns/interests.</li> <li>• Respect your child's opinions and feelings</li> <li>• Involve your child in adult conversations, when appropriate</li> <li>• Help your child to extend his range of words in specialised subjects</li> <li>• Encourage your child to listen and respond courteously to others.</li> <li>• Watch and discuss T.V. news / current affairs programmes together</li> <li>• Assist your child to locate information in local library, internet</li> <li>• Talk about school topics and assignments</li> <li>• Play commercial games that focus on word building</li> </ul>