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Children learn language through adult models of language.  
They pick up new words and phrases best when:

what you say is just a bit more than they have said

words are supported by visuals e.g. gestures , objects , pictures 

they have the opportunity to practice them  
and refine them by listening to your model  
again and again 

what you say is directly related to what they  
are doing or looking at or talking about

The child is fully **focussed** on  
what you are saying

adults use a s l o w rate of talking with pauses..... and *stress* to emphasise new words