



How to Model Clear Speech at Home (Without Overcorrecting)

Why it matters: Children learn speech through listening, imitation, and gentle repetition—not correction. When parents focus on modelling instead of fixing, kids stay confident and engaged.

TRY THIS APPROACH:

Repeat correctly, naturally.

Child: "Wabbit!"

You: "Yes, a rabbit! He's hopping fast!"

→ They hear the correct version in context without feeling "wrong."

Slow your pace slightly.

Speaking too quickly makes new sounds harder to catch. A calm rhythm gives the brain time to process.

Use contrast and emphasis.

Highlight target sounds naturally: "Let's feed the puppy. Puh-puh-puppy!"

Celebrate effort, not perfection.

Smiling, nodding, and showing delight keeps motivation high—progress follows joy.

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