




## SOMETHING EXTRA

*Supporting Children with Down syndrome and their Families*

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### *True or False*

Draw a circle around the correct answer

Trisomy 23 is another name for Down syndrome	▶	TRUE FALSE
TRUE FALSE ◀	Children with Down syndrome often have overactive thyroids	
The average lifespan of persons with Down syndrome is 55	▶	TRUE FALSE
TRUE FALSE ◀	Adults with Down syndrome have an increased risk for Alzheimer's disease	
Children with Down syndrome have low muscle tone	▶	TRUE FALSE

*Motor  
Milestones*



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## *Gross Motor Development*

- Muscle tone
- Increased flexibility
- Decreased strength
- Short arms and legs
- Medical problems



## *Fine Motor*

Single Simean  
Crease

Smaller hands

Wrist bones

Cognition





*Learning to Listen*







- Restate as necessary
- Model task completion



*Learning to Listen*



## *Listening*

“If the person you are talking to does not appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.”

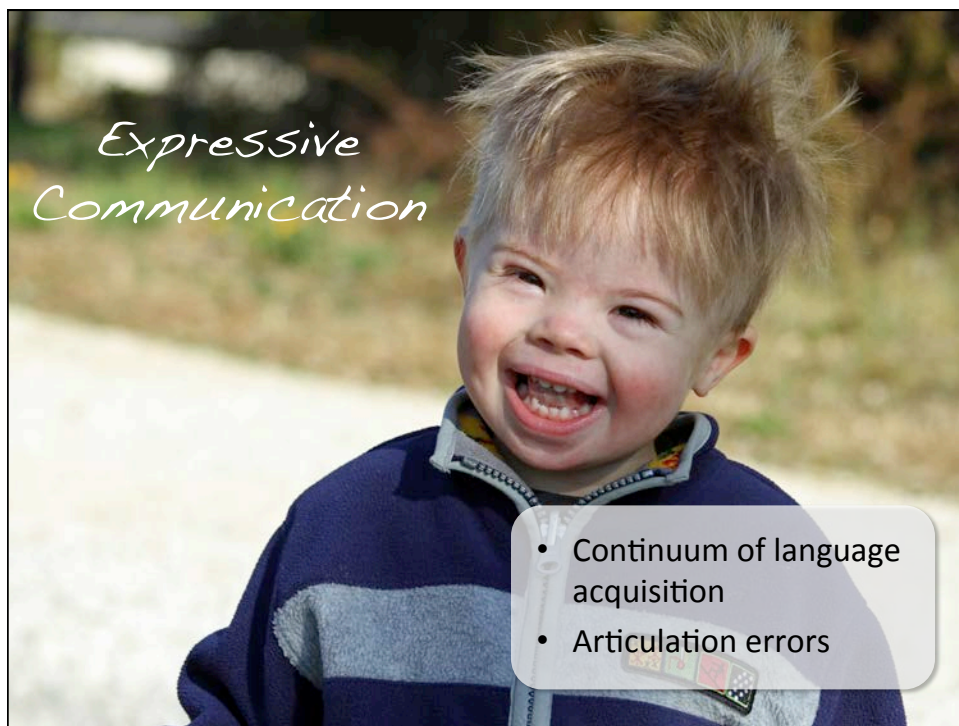
—Winnie the Pooh



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## *Expressive Language*



*How do children communicate  
without using words?*



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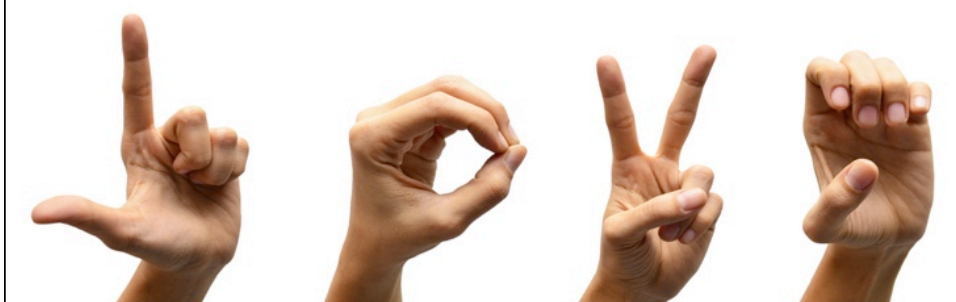






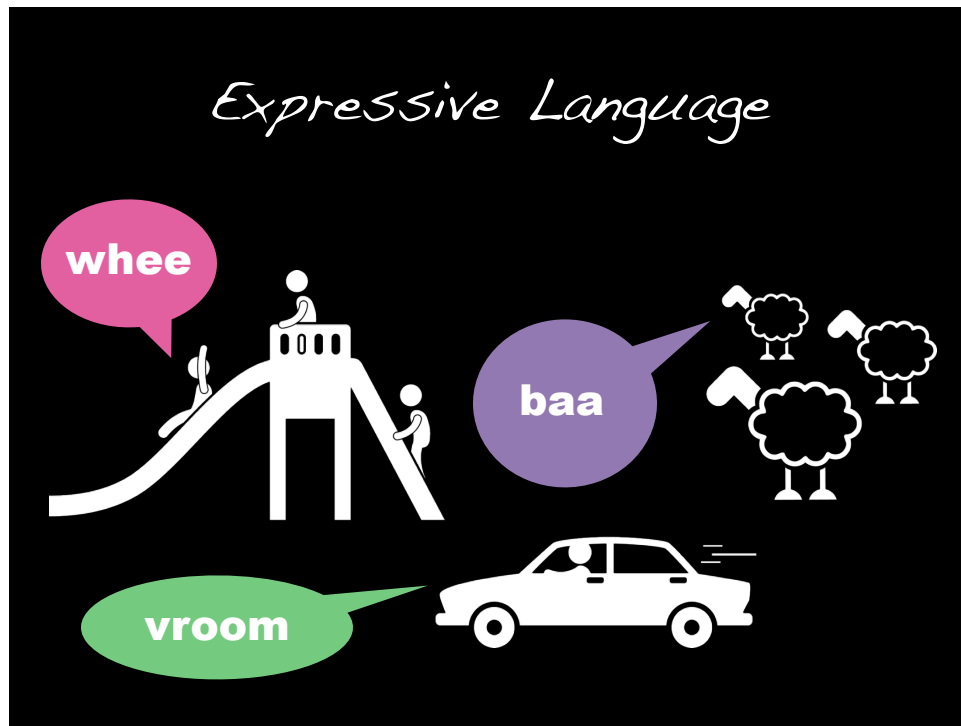
## *Sign Language*

- Bridge
- Easier than words
- Decreased frustration
- Represents the word
- Whole brain
- Clarifies verbal



- Sign during daily activities and play
- Choose vocabulary specific to family preference







- Generalize communication skills
- Provide multiple opportunities
- Variety of settings
- Different communication partners







*Thank You!*