Speech Ease

The 4 I Strategy to Build Interactions

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Include your Child's Interest

- Notice what your child is interested in
- Show an interest in it too
- Join in
  - Point to what your child is looking at
  - Copy what your child is doing
  - Make a comment on what your child is doing or playing with (e.g. “ball”)

Interpret

- Treat what you child does as a message sent to you
- Intepret what it is
- E.g. Pulling you to the door means “Let’s go”
- Model what your child would say if they could
- Model from your child’s point of view (“I want water” instead of “Do you want water?”)

Imitate

- Copy your child’s actions and sounds
- This will get their attention

Intrude

- Keep some of the toys and let your child ask for them
- Hide the toys and search them together
- Get in the way and let your child ask you to move
- Join in using a similar toy
- Keep it fun!

What is the Hanen Approach?

There are several programs developed by the Hanen Centre, a not for profit organisation based in Montreal, Canada, that provides training for families, and early childhood professionals to help their children with communication delays.

There are several popular Hanen parent coaching programs, and Speech Ease runs the Hanen It Takes Two To Talk program for parents with children 0-5 years of age with communication delays.

The Hanen More Than Words Program is a parent training program that has been designed to help parents improve their understanding of autism and learn how autistic children develop their social communication skills. It provides parents with practical strategies to use within their daily interactions with their child. The aim of the program is to improve parent-child relationships; to foster communication skills between parents and their children; and to foster communication between children and their family, peers and carers/educators.

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