



## **Top Tips for Communicating**



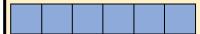
Simple interaction strategies to support the speech, language and communication skills of students.

A resource for tutors/teachers to support the Home or School Based Summer Programme created by NCSE Speech and Language Therapists. This resource supports the key principle of 'promoting connectedness'.

Get down to the pupil's level when interacting



**Say less**-simplify your language to the level a pupil can understand



Accept and

acknowledge all

attempts the pupil

makes at

communicating

e.g. using gestures, facial expression, sounds or words

Ensure you have the pupil's attention before speaking



pupil time to understand and respond



Go **slow** to give a



Try to not ask too many **questions**-try commenting instead



**Support** a pupil's **understanding** as needed using natural gestures/key signs/objects/ pictures/written



Wait expectantly and frequently for a pupil to initiate or respond in an



Give pupils the labels for familiar and unfamiliar nouns, verbs and adjectives

