

# Illustration 9

## Letting your child lead poster

**Letting your child take the lead when you play will help them to develop early listening skills.**

**Don't have too many toys out and let the child choose what they play with**

**Repeat words and phrases lots of times as you play**

**Comment on what they are doing using simple language**



**Get down to their level and watch and copy what they are doing**

**Wait for them to initiate communication with you through words or eye contact or gestures**

**Let them choose how to play with the toys – even if it isn't the 'proper' way to play with them!**