

Sound Production	Step	Suggested Activity	End Point
Modelling and Echoing	Can produce self-expression	Use a sound to light device in a	Developing cause and effect
		dark room and get the pupil	through sound
Pathway 1 Entry Point		laughing! Demonstrate how	
		every movement, sound, look,	
		has an impact on their	
		environment	
	Demonstrates recognition of	Every signal utterance, sigh,	
	echo from communication	breathe needs to be echoed in an	
	partner	engaging and personal way. Link	
		your breathing in together so	
		you can really be one with the	
		pupil.	
	Able to produce sounds and	Keep using the sound to light bar	
	demonstrate awareness of echo	and make sure that their	
		attention is drawn to it so there is	
		a clear correlation between what	
		they have done and what has	
		happened, be silent, so the pupil	
		can see that it is them that is	
		controlling the light and not you.	
		Then you can say – Richard's turn	
		and then wait. Be patient!	
Prosody	Self-expression has no variance	We need to get the pupil	
		chatting more and more, so let's	



	Self-expression develops with	give the pupil experiences that give them something to talk about! Let's explore, cold, hot, dry, wet anything that we think will elicit a response. But demonstrate a response, use a high pitch for excited, intakes of breath for wow moments, you are showing the pupil who to react and response, it's all about modelling  Ready Steady Go! Activities are	Variance in self-expression so we can start to look at translating this to meaning
	different sounds and stresses	perfect here, we need to get the pupil excited and ready for what is happening next, find their favourite thing and start and stop it, get them arguing with you!	
	Self-expression contains properties of syllables but not vowels or consonants	With your modelling consciously make sure you are sounding out vowels and consonants BRrrrr for when it is cold for instance. You need to show the pupil what the sounds should or could sound like, to help them. Take the vocalisations of the pupil and mirror them back with slight tweaks that will get you talking to each other	
Intonation	Self-expression begins to be impacted by surroundings	We are linking the self- expression to the activity to	



		explicitly. Make sure your	Different tones of expression to
		activities and environments are	convey emotion and is therefore
		something to shout about. We	easily recognisable to everyone
		want our pupils to develop	
		expressions linked to emotions	
		and requests so we need to	
		provide opportunities to evoke	
		this	
	Self-expression has emotional	Have activities that you know	
	attachment	create a positive emotional	
		response, excitement,	
		anticipation, laughter etc. then	
		model and copy with the pupil,	
		i.e. in your story have big	
		anticipation action points which	
		you know get the pupils	
		anticipating and excited!	
	Tone of self- expression conveys	What should we do now? Poise	
	differences of emotional states	questions while holding the	
		pupil's favourite activities or	
		games, you need to motivate the	
		pupil to want to express an	
		emotion. The first thing pupils do	
		developmentally is cry and reject,	
		so we need to teach the pupil to	
		accept and engage!	
Volume	Volume of self- expression is	Pupils volume needs to be	There is a clear and purpose
	determined by emotional state	matched and mirrored. If the	volume variance which is
		pupil is shouting, you should	determined not just by emotional
		back, meet them where they are	state



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		and either bring them up or	
		down linked to their emotional	
		state that you want to move	
		them onto	
	Self-expression changes due to	We are teaching the pupil to not	
	environment and emotional	be controlled by the environment	
	state, i.e. the environment is loud	but to control the environment.	
	so I am loud	To do this we need to be needs	
		responsive, create quiet and loud	
		spaces, sessions activities and see	
		how they adapt to them first and	
		then shape them. You have to be	
		the communication partner who	
		mirrors. If they drop the symbol	
		and its loud you need to do the	
		same.	
	Volume of self-expression	Set the pupil up one side of the	
	increases and decreases in	room and talk at the same	
	relation proximity as well as	volume to the pupil while	
	emotion	walking away, so how as you get	
		further way you get louder, this is	
		a modelling task.	
Rhythm	Self-expression develops through	Take the pupils self-expression	Clear intentional patterns which
	patterns of sound	that they love doing and echo it	the pupil enjoys and enjoys being
	patterns or seame	back with a rhythm, maybe to	sung back to them
		their favourite song for example	
	Self-expressions patterns and	Keep changing the echo and	
	rhythms are affected by the	modelling to reflect what the	
	outside world	self-expression rhythm, make it	
	Catalac World	sen expression my tilli, make it	



		repetitive and to a song that they know and love	
	Self-expression follows a clear pattern and rhythm which is	The pupil should now have a set rhythm which they enjoy taking	
	initiated by the pupil	part in, you can now turn take	
		start with the self-expression	
		then pause half way through and	
		see if the pupil can keep it going	
Rhyme	Self-expression develops with	Self-expression is echoed and	Linking sounds and words
	intonations that rhyme	modelled and extended with	together so we can have the
Pathway 2 Entry Point		rhyming sounds, i.e. if the pupil	tools to word build
		goes Abba you would respond	
		with papa. Lots of rhyming	
		sections in your story for the	
		pupil to be exposed to (for	
		example look at the Sick Wizard	
		in the sensory room)	
	Self-expressions repeat and	Develop call and response	
	respond involving rhythm and	sections in your story which are	
	rhyme	approximations to the	
		vocalisations of the pupil, so the	
		pupil can opt in and access really	
		effectively	
	Self-expression follows a clear	Develop short stories and songs	
	pattern of rhyme even if these	around the pupil's vocalisations.	
	rhymes may not be pure	Do them to the tune of their	
		favourite songs, then closely	
		adapt, echo and mimic the	
		pupil's vocalisations so they can	
		call and respond closely	



Articulation	Self-expression begins to take the form of vowels and consonants	Echo and model back as close as possible to your vowels and consonants	Clearly articulating vowels and consonants
	Self-expression features vowels and consonants	Sound out vowels and consonants while holding the letters or a physical object which is their favourite, i.e. B B Ball and hold a ball	
	Self-expression has clear links to vowels and consonants and is consistent	Sound out vowel/consonant of their favourite thing and link to symbol/photo, get the pupil echoing back to you then exchange the object	
Sequencing	The sequencing of vowels and consonants begin to take meaning	Sound out the vowels and consonants to make the pupils favourite thing, use Little Wandle as a support to this	Word like communication with clear correlation
	Sequencing of self-expression has clear meaning and is well defined	Sound out pupils' vocalisations by tagging them to separate letters and objects – I.e. pupil says B. Richard said B – Ball B.A.LL. (while pointing through the words) then hand over the ball	
	Sequencing of self-expression is clear and has direct meaning	When pupils' vocalises give them written options, symbols and or photos of the word they are attributing meaning to, then exchange.	



Word Making	Self-expression takes a word like form, through a combination of vowels and consonants	Continue to add value and tag self-expression – echo back exaggerated versions of the expression	Pupil is able to tag formed words directly to objects/events
	Self-expressions are consistent towards and object or person, demonstrating labelling	Give pupil multiple options on the table, have symbols and written word also available.  Sound out with pupil, modelling is the key here, get the pupil echoing back. Then when the pupil exchanges, you keep reinforcing with the word	
	Pupils combinations of self- expressions have a direct relation to an object or person	Pupil is now accurately expressing words which link to objects, events etc – now it is about extending and expanding, follow the same steps, lots of reinforcement and positive talk	
Phrase making	Self-expression begins to string words together but may not link	Pupil is linking words together which may not make sense which	Tagging is a crucial part of understanding number sequence
Pathway 3 Entry point	or make sense	is fine. Echo back correct order, write it down or use symbols and mirror and echo back	and itemising
	Vocab begins to feature well known phrases, i.e. thank you but not in context	Teach sequences of phrases. Focus on words that add value; more, stop, finish, yes, no i.e. More Ball. You extending the conversation	



	Pupils are able to combine	Aim for 3 key words, you want to	
	multiple words to build a phrase	think about command words and	
	and use in the correct context	nouns, bit like the core board.	
		Teach from left to right, More	
		Ball Go. Then you can start to	
		eventually build in the more	
		causal words like 'the' 'please' etc	
Turn Taking	Communication is very one way	Ask questions which prompt	Two-way conversation which
	i.e. I say you do	action. What do you want (on a	involves waiting and turn taking
		core board obviously!)? Pupils	
		tend to communicate because	
		the want something to start or	
		stop.	
	Self-expression is directed	Pause and wait, when a pupil	
	towards a partner and waits for a	asks for something or it's a	
	verbal response	question to you, pause, say	
		hmmm, let them know you are	
		thinking and that they need to	
		wait to negotiate	
	Self-expression takes a	This is where you are developing	
	conversational form displaying	your pupil's ability to reason and	
	clear waiting and responding	debate with you. Don't be afraid	
		to discuss, extend conversation,	
		use social stories to practice how	
		to ask for something, how to	
		reason and accept no etc.	