Clear and Simple Language

It is important to keep language clear and simple to promote a child's understanding. Too much language may overwhelm a child.

Using key information words will increase the chances of a child following the instruction.

Use simple phrases such as "coat on", "let's go".

You could also accompany the instruction with a gesture, a picture or a sign, e.g. When saying "Do you want a drink?", sign "drink".

Give a child time to process a instruction. Sometimes it may take a while for them to react.