



Creating a Language Rich Environment

In pairs discuss each statement and decide whether it is **TRUE** or **FALSE**

		True or False?
1.	It's a great idea to always have music in the background	
2.	Correcting a child when they get language in the wrong order is the best way to support language development	
3.	Singing songs in other languages (not Hebrew or English) is unhelpful to support language development	
4.	Introducing hand signs is a bad idea as it could delay language as children will not need to speak to express themselves	
5.	Keeping a dummy in their mouths will not affect language development	
6.	Insisting that children make choices (which do you want a banana or an apple)... can stress children and impact negatively on language development	
7.	Modelling back language correctly when children get their words confused helps them self-correct	
8.	Closed questions are better than open questions to help children who are beginning to speak	
9.	Open questions can leave too many possibilities for children and so inhibit their speech	
10	Language development is not so important in baby unit, they are not yet capable of speaking	
11	Constantly describing and narrating your actions and children's actions is over-stimulation and not needed	
12	Singing the same songs over and over again with children does not help language development as they will not learn new words	
13	It's a great idea to simplify language when talking to young children so they understand	
14	If children are used to hearing only Hebrew at home it's a good idea for English speakers to say some words or sentences in Hebrew so they understand (and visa versa)	
15	Sitting with children whilst they eat snack and lunch is an extremely important time to sit and talk with the children	
16	Sharing songs and rhymes regularly with children helps their language development	