

# What (NOT!) to say to a reluctant speaker! Primary

Try not to...	If you say....	They will think..	Instead you could try...
Ignore their anxiety	<i>It's fine - You can talk to us just like you do at home!</i>	<i>No one understands how it feels! What is wrong with me?</i>	<i>Everyone feels a bit nervous with new places and people. It's ok. You can still have a good time here!</i>
Join in!	<i>It makes me sad when you don't talk to me</i>	<i>I must be REALLY bad if I am making my teacher sad.</i>	<i>I know it's hard for you to talk here at the moment...this is what we can do to help..</i>
Bribe them!	<i>If you talk today you can have one of my special stickers</i>	<i>That sounds really scary. If I get a sticker everyone will look at me.</i>	<i>Show me what you would like to play with today..</i>
Predict the worst!	<i>I know you won't want to do this activity....</i>	<i>That means I can stay quiet and not join in.</i>	<i>Let's think of the best way for you to join in this game!</i>