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**Talk to your child about everything and anything as it happens**  
(contingent talking)

***Why is this important?***

Children learn language from the words they hear around them - the more you model these, the more likely they are to learn them.

***What can you do?***

Follow your child's interests and tell them what they are seeing. Name things they see and hear. Take them out and about and talk about all you see. Use everyday opportunities to talk together.

**Be a little helper:**

<http://bit.ly/THPLittlehelper>



**Spending time together builds a strong bond and helps your child communicate**

***Why is this important?***

The more time you spend with your child talking, singing and playing together, the more likely they will pick up new words and sentences from you. Having fun together helps build your relationship too and will encourage your child to copy you.

***What can you do?***

Spend time joining in play. Sing songs together, share stories and take time to just enjoy being together.

**Playing with sock puppets:**

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**Encourage attention, listening and understanding**

***Why is this important?***

Paying attention, listening and understanding words and sentences are building blocks for talking.

***What can you do?***

Introduce your child to interesting sounds. Play listening games. Play together to build concentration skills. Use games that build anticipation and excitement.

**Games with toddler: What's in the bag?**

<http://bit.ly/THPWhatsinthebag>



**Encourage talking attempts and build on them**

***Why is this important?***

First words are usually not very clear; encourage and praise all attempts at talking. The more words children learn, the quicker they will be able to talk in sentences. This will reduce frustration.

***What can you do?***

Build on words and sentences by repeating back clearly (recasting) and adding a word to extend the sentences. Play games to introduce new words. Chat, read, sing and play together.

**How toddlers best learn words:**

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