



10 tips to talking

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Here are some tips to help your child's speech and language to grow.....

- 1 Encourage your child to communicate in lots of ways. For example: pointing, gestures and noises such as 'oink oink' for pig.
- 2 Talk about things as they happen e.g. unpacking the shopping, having a bath, watching TV.
- 3 Have a special time each day to play with toys and picture books. Turning off background noise will help your child to listen.
- 4 Sing nursery rhymes and songs to your child, using actions too!



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- 5 Gain your child's attention when you want to talk together.
- 6 Listen carefully and give your child time to talk. Take turns to speak.
- 7 Encourage your child to listen for different sounds i.e. aeroplanes, animals, the postman.
- 8 Offer your child choices so that they realise it is good to communicate e.g. "milk or water?"
- 9 Help your child to use more words by adding to what they say e.g. your child says 'dog', you could say 'The dog is barking' or 'It's a brown dog'.
- 10 If your child mispronounces words try not to correct them but repeat it back the right way.

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