

TALK



Take
Turns



Ask
Questions



Label
& Point



Keep the
Conversation
Going

TAKE TURNS

Talk, but also listen. Notice when your child points to something. Respond to what they “say,” even if it’s just a coo or babble.

“Yes, you see the bus!”
“I hear you! You like the flower.”

ASK QUESTIONS

Give your child chances to think and try to communicate. Ask questions to get them to respond.

“Can you point to your nose?”
“Do you hear the doggy barking?”

LABEL & POINT

Point to objects around you or in a book. Say the name of the object.

“Look at the red car.”
“This is a window.”

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Always look for chances to expand on the topic. If your child is showing an interest, keep chatting.

“That reminds me of something...”
“What do you think?”

On the back are some questions to get your little one talking.



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CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Can you see something red?
- Can you find something that starts with the sound “S”?
- How many circles can you find around us?
- Can you think of anything that rhymes with “bunny”?
- What’s your favorite food / animal / color?
- If you could go anywhere, where would you go?
- What superpower would you want to have?
- If you could have any pet, what animal would you choose?
- What would you name your pet?
- If you could be anything in the world, what would you be?
- What five things would you take with you to a desert island? Why?

TALKING TO YOUR BABY:

- Builds their brain
- Teaches them words
- Informs them about the world

And most parents don’t talk enough!

Use this TALK method anytime:

- In the car or bus
- Waiting in line
- When feeding or changing them



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