

Talk with your children

This brochure contains ideas for communication games and activities you can do with your child. These activities will help your child learn to speak and interact with facial expressions and body language. These skills are important for communicating with others.

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THE BENEFITS OF TALKING TO YOUR CHILD

1-2-3 Grow with Me



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Talk to me

Infants

Talk to me – I love to hear the sound of your voice, and I'll listen to anything you have to say.

Imitate me – it makes me laugh when you make silly faces.

Use gestures to show what you mean when you talk to me – you can wave bye bye, or pretend you're eating or drinking.

Play games like pat-a-cake and peek-a-boo with me.

Talk to me

When I'm 2-4 years old

I will still love to hear you talk, but now I can talk back – repeat what I say to show you understand me.

Read me short stories.

Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes to and with me.

Play games with me – ask me silly questions with yes or no answers.

Tell me simple stories about what is happening around me.

Use lots of new words with me.



Talk to me

When I'm 4-6 years old

I still love when we talk together, let's do it often.

Pause after you say something to me, so I have time to answer you.

Play a game with me – describe something and see if I can guess what it is, then let me take a turn.

Use words like first and next and up and down with me.

When we play, give me a chance to give directions and you follow them.

I can follow simple two or three step direction, but help me if I forget.