

Top Tips



Communication skills are important. They help us get to know each other and when I'm older they help me make friends and do well at school and in life. Try these top tips to support my communication development.

Let's have fun with words

Talk to me, sing with me and read with me from the day I'm born.

Follow my lead

Talk about what I'm looking at or playing with.

Talk about my daily routine

Talk about things as they happen. There's plenty to talk about at bath time, meal time and on the bus.

Respond to me and add some more

When I smile at you, smile back.
When I babble at you, babble back.
When I say 'car' say 'yes, a fast car'.

Make connections for me

As I get older our conversation will grow more if you talk about things we've seen together before or might do later



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It's never too early to start our conversation!



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Let's have fun with words

- I'm listening from the day I'm born so it's never too early to start our conversation.
 - Talk to me, sing with me and read with me in whatever language or languages you use at home. Reduce background distractions like the TV or your phone to help me notice your communication.
 - I love to hear your voice. Nursery rhymes and silly songs or stories really get my attention and I learn from the rhyme, rhythm and repetition. Sometimes I want to hear the same story or song over and over again, that's okay and it can help me learn. I can pick up different tones of voice when I'm just one month old, so use lots of silly voices!
- Get more ideas: www.wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/baby/milestones



Follow my lead

- Talk about what I'm looking at, babbling about or playing with.
 - If you talk about what I'm already interested in then I'm more likely to notice and learn.
- Get more ideas: www.talkingpoint.org.uk

Talk about my daily routine

- Talk about things as they happen. You don't need to do special activities, there's plenty to talk to me about at bath time, meal time and on the bus.
 - Remember to give me lots of time to respond, I need to practice taking turns with you.
 - At home or out and about, any time is conversation time!
- Get more ideas: www.vroom.org and www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/summer-talk



Make connections for me

- As I get older our conversation can grow more if you talk about things we've seen together before or might do later.
 - Sharing a book together is another really good way of talking about different times and places and making connections with what we already know.
 - This kind of talk helps me learn more complicated language skills and link ideas together.
- Get more ideas: www.familytime.co.uk



Respond to me and add some more

- When I smile at you, smile back. When I babble at you, babble back.
 - When I say 'car' say 'yes, a fast car'.
 - By doing this you are encouraging me to communicate with you and when you add new ideas and words I learn new things.
- Get more ideas: www.wordsforlife.org.uk/video/still-face-experiment



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