

How important is talk with my child?

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Is it important that I listen?

How do I develop their vocabulary?



Key Points This Month...

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Children do not learn to talk and communicate by accident. They need you as adults to help them develop their skills and knowledge of the words they use. They need you to support them to be confident and fluent speakers in all situations.

Showing that you are listening to your child teaches them they are important.

You need to teach them to take turns in their speaking. You need to help them understand appropriate language.

You need to show them you are interested as a listener in what they have to say.

Most language development happens between the ages of 0-5.

However, you can continue to develop the words your child has for many more years to come.

All children have the capability to increase their spoken word bank.

See below for some top tips.



Say your child's name first when you want to talk to them. Make sure they are listening.

Teach your child a new word per week. Use it in speech. Find it in writing. Show them a picture.



When your child speaks to you - add to the conversation. Add a sentence or ask questions.

Talk about your child's interests.

Ask questions that cannot just have a yes or no answer..



Do not tell your child they are wrong. Repeat what they say back to them, but correctly. Your child learns from what they see and hear.

Play with words.

Make up silly rhymes and songs. Discuss how a word rhymes with another.



Give your child time to respond - do not rush them.

When they have responded, question them to check they understood.

Have conversations with your child EVERY DAY. Have special 'talk time.' There are some example questions to help below.



What sort of day have you had today?

What did you learn today?

What did you do at playtime?

Tell me why you enjoy...

Tell me why you are friends with... What makes them a good friend...

Tell me the meaning of 3 new words you have used today at school...