

Talk

“When you talk to me I copy you. At first I can only make a few sounds but the more you talk to me the more I can make sounds into words... Everything I learn in my life will be built on what you are teaching me now. Involve me in life by telling me about it.”

Some Suggestions

- Read to your baby regularly, even when they are very young, and use as many rhymes, poems or songs as you can. Simple rhymes and rhythms will hold their attention.
- Provide a running commentary on your own life. Tell your baby about cohorts, count the steps you climb or the socks and towels as you do the washing.
- As children get older word play and jokes help develop verbal skills and social awareness.

Remember

- Any words will help to build your child’s brain. Pop songs, a shopping list or the writing on the cereal packet are more meaningful than Shakespeare to young children.

