

Every Child A Talker - Tips for Talking

TIP NUMBER	TIP	DETAILS
TIP NUMBER ONE	DUMP THE DUMMY, DURING THE DAY!	(If your child is over 12 months old.) For more talking, better talking and better teeth.
TIP NUMBER TWO	If your child isn't talking yet, watch what he/she touches or looks at and talk about it.	E.g. "Teddy. You're looking at Teddy". "Car. Brrm Brrm. Here comes the car". "You've got the rattle".
TIP NUMBER THREE	Get your child's attention first.	Get down to his/her level and use his/her name before talking to encourage your child to stop and listen.
TIP NUMBER FOUR	<u>Listen for sounds</u> together.	Draw his/her attention to sounds such as cars, planes, phone etc
TIP NUMBER FIVE	Play with sounds together.	Imitate noises such as cars and animals
TIP NUMBER SIX	Be careful with questions!	If you already know the answer - make a comment instead.
TIP NUMBER SEVEN	Use simple language and short sentences.	

TIP NUMBER EIGHT	Play on the floor with your child for at least 5 minutes everyday.	Talk about what you are both doing
TIP NUMBER NINE	Give your child time to answer.	He/she needs a bit longer than an adult to sort out what he/she wants to say.
TIP NUMBER TEN	Say things correctly for him/her	If your child makes a mistake when he/she talks, don't criticize just respond with the correct version. E.g. "I done it" "Yes, you did it" "Look, puddy tat" "Yes, a pussy cat".
TIP NUMBER ELEVEN	Give choices to encourage talking.	Do you want juice or water? Do you want cars or bricks?
TIP NUMBER TWELVE	Sing a nursery rhyme or do an action rhyme together every day.	
TIP NUMBER THIRTEEN	Make something together and talk about it	E.g Make a cake, a picture, a paper fan, fan, a playdough man.
TIP NUMBER FOURTEEN	Look at a book together everyday	Talk about the pictures. If the story is too long or too hard, make it easier for him/her.

