

first words - first steps to conversation

Being together - your child learns from you

Give your full attention.
Face to face your child
will copy you



Follow what interests
your child - she will show you
by pointing



Talk as you go - everyday
routines can be talk time
with your child



Children learn from
being with other
children



Take turns when you play - this
is the first step to taking
turns in talking



Talk as you go - everyday
jobs can be a time to talk
with children



Not so helpful - Rushing means
missing chances to talk



Try this one! - Take time to
talk. Take time to give choices



This one helps too -
Take time to listen



Listening first - understanding words comes first - saying them comes later

Children learn to understand when they are interested



Talk about what is happening and your child will learn what words mean



Point to objects as you say the name



Children need quiet time everyday. Background noise gets in the way of listening



children will hear different words for the same object



Children need to hear words many times in order to understand them



Not so helpful -



Try this one!



This one helps too -



First words - a powerful way for your child to share her world

First words will be familiar objects and people



Words are not clear at first. People closest will understand



Children need time to hear words many times before they understand and can say them



Share new experiences - they lead to new words



One word can have many meanings



Children's first words can be lost for a time - but they come back



Not so helpful -
Too many questions can be too much pressure



Try this one! -
Make words sound interesting, act them out!

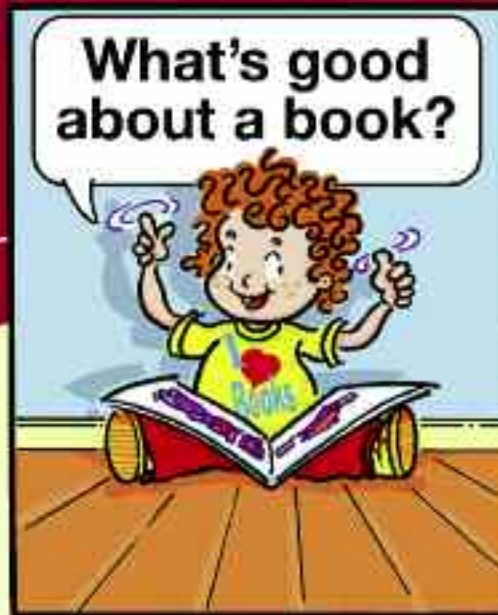


This one helps too - Show you understand by listening carefully and repeating back your child's words clearly



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It's never too soon to enjoy a good book!



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