

Before Words – so much happens before words

Being together

Being together means I can learn by watching you



Hold me and talk to me - it makes me feel safe



Make everyday routines play time



Listening first

Make your talking tuneful and I will listen



Quiet time - I need quiet time every day



Sing to me - I love songs and rhymes



Baby talk

Follow me - talk about what I am looking at



Pause and wait - I need time to talk back



Cooing and crying is baby talk



Remember - every baby is different

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Being together

Give me your full attention this is the best gift you can offer



Play 'peek-a-boo' with me and I will learn to take turns



I show my great interest in faces by laughing and smiling



Listening first

I start to look towards your voice



Quiet time - background noise makes it hard for me to listen to your voice



I am excited by familiar sounds like a door opening



Baby talk

Sing to me and I will sing with you



Pause and wait - I like to hear my own sounds



Copy my talk back to me



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Face to face
I will copy you



Share a toy -
I will copy you



Make everyday jobs
playtime for me



Listening first

I start to recognise
names and familiar
people



Quiet time - I need quiet
time so I can learn to look
and listen at the same time



I love listening to
different kinds of sounds



Baby talk

Baby babble
is baby talk



I will shout
for your attention



I can sing and
clap hands to music



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Being together

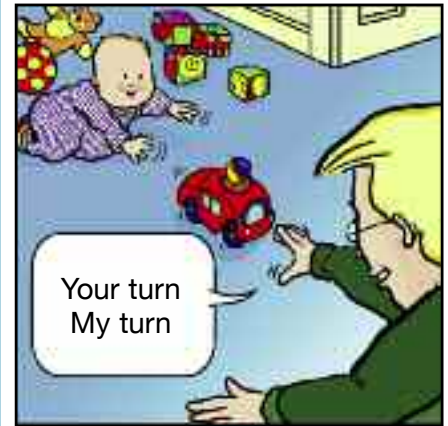
Give me your full attention
this is the best gift
you can offer



Follow what interests me
- I will let you know
by pointing



Taking turns when you play -
with me, this is the first step
to taking turns in talking



Listening first

Make your talking tuneful
and I will listen



Share a book with me -
I love to listen to stories



Play with sounds and
make listening fun



Baby talk

Talk about what is happening
and I will talk back



Quiet time - I practise and
play with speech
when I'm on my own



My first words
begin to appear...



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