

# words together - now we're talking!

## Being together - your child learns from you

Give your full attention - you are your child's first and best teacher



Be sensitive to your child's interests and moods



Wait - give your child a chance to join in



More words leads to more sharing



Being with older children means more fun and lots to copy



Being together with others - a good time to share and talk about experiences



Not so helpful -



Try this one! Talk as you go about the things you see



This one helps too - Talk and remember together



# Listening first - children need to hear and understand lots of new words before they can join them together

Keep your talking simple so your child can understand



Repeat, repeat, repeat - your child will need to hear new words many times



Listen to your child and say it as she would if she could



Make words and routines fun



Children need quiet time everyday - background noise gets in the way of listening



Make your words sound interesting - it helps your child to listen better



Not so helpful - Talking over your child's head



Try this one! Be on a level with your child



This one helps too - Be on a level with your child's understanding - keep language simple



# Words together - remember - learning to talk takes time

Follow their interests  
- let your child lead



Fit the words  
to the actions



Listen to your child and  
add to what they say



Play with sounds.  
You can learn a  
lot from...



Share new experiences,  
they lead to  
new conversations



Joining words  
together builds a  
conversation



**Not so helpful -**  
Asking questions with  
obvious answers



**Try this one!**  
Ask questions to find out what  
interests your child



**This one helps too -**  
Ask questions that grow your  
child's thinking



# words together - play is how I learn!

Pretend play -  
who can I be today?



I have fun copying you -  
you have fun copying me



I like to make my mark!



Rough and tumble -  
makes me laugh and learn



Watch how I play  
and learn



Making a mess?  
I'm building a road!



Happy ever after!  
I love to join in the story



See how many words  
I learn as I play



Shopping is fun!  
We talk as we go

