Helping Your Child to Talk



Children learn best when they are having fun. Use toys and games they like to help them to talk.

Children also learn to talk by listening to you when you play with them.

It takes time to learn new words. Children need to hear new words many times to learn to say them.

Let them choose the game, book, or toy

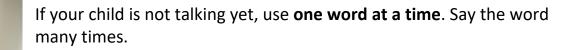
Children like to talk about toys, books, and games they like. See what they like to play with and join them.

You can:

- Respond to what they say and do
- Join in and copy what they do with their toys and games.
- Use fun words and sounds like "pop" or "woof"
- Sit on the floor with your child

Keep your words simple

Children learn by copying you. You can talk about what they are playing with. You can also talk about what you are doing. Keep it simple to make it easy for them to copy you.



For example: Adult: "Car, car, car, go car" Child: "Car"

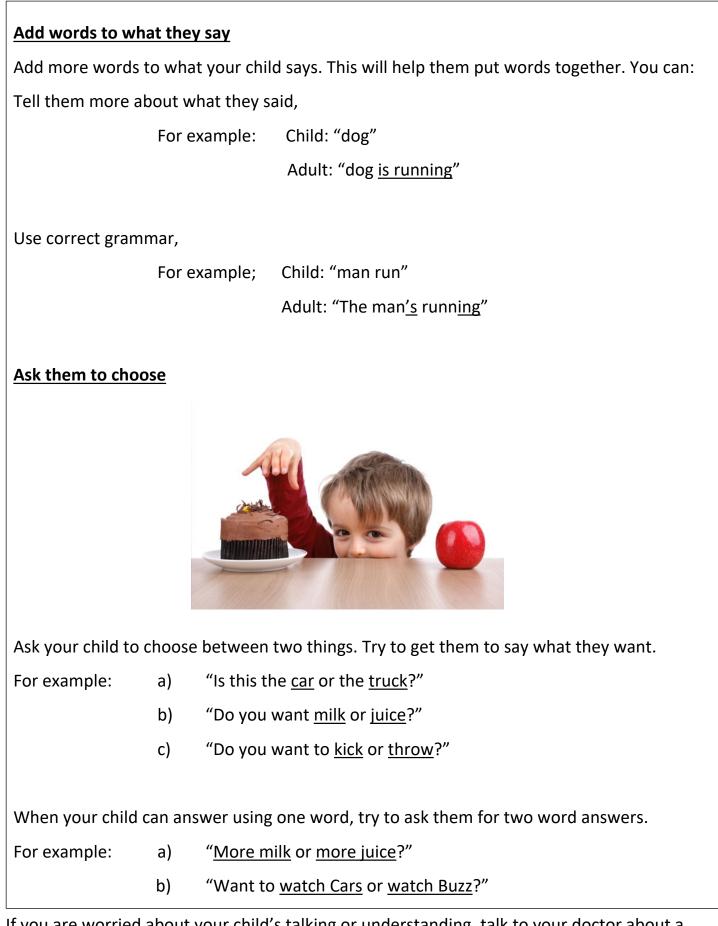
If your child says one word at a time, use **2-3 words together**.

For example:

- Child: "Car"
- Adult: "Car goes up"

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If you are worried about your child's talking or understanding, talk to your doctor about a speech pathology referral.

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