

LEARNING TO TALK 2

(2 1/2 TO 5 YEARS)

2. Be A Good Model

Give clear examples, but don't tell your child what to say.

- Repeat what she says correctly. If she says, "My boon falled down!" you could say, "Your spoon fell down. Oops! Let's get a clean one." Don't tell her to say it again. If you say, "Don't say 'boon,' say 'spoon,'" you are telling her that there is something wrong with the way she talks.



- Talk to your child. Explain what you are doing. Name different things around you.
- Listen to your child. Encourage your child to describe things and to make up stories.



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