

# LEARNING TO TALK 2

(2 1/2 TO 5 YEARS)

## 4 Challenge Your Child

Introduce new words and model longer and more complicated sentences. Add new ideas to your conversations.

- When your child is getting dressed, if your child says, "I like green," you could say, "I like green too, but I prefer dark blue." When you do this, you are giving your child examples to learn from.



- Don't just say "run;" say "skip," "tip-toe," "sprint." Don't just say "big," say "huge," "gigantic," or "enormous."
- When you read with your child, ask questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" "Why do you think she did that?" "I wonder ..." "How do you think he felt when ...?"



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