

# Talking Tips For Tiny Tots

## BY 2 YEARS

### UNDERSTANDS

- Follows 2-step instructions: "Go find your teddy and give it to Grandma."
- Understands more than he can say
- Points to most body parts and familiar objects ("Show me your knee," "Where's the ball?")
- Answers questions correctly with "yes" or "no"
- Answers "what" and "where" questions correctly

### EXPRESSES

- Uses 100-150 words
- Uses many different speech sounds at the beginning of words: p, b, m, t, d, n, h, w
- Tries to say or copy words you say, but may not always be clear
- Uses 2 or more new words a week
- Combines at least 2 words into a phrase ("moe tee" for "more cheese")
- Asks "What's that?" and "Where?"
- Forms words and sounds easily

### THINGS TO TRY

- Use lots of different words, like action words (run, push), location words (in, under), describing words (wet, hot, little, happy).
- If you don't understand your child, repeat a word you did understand, or ask him to show you.
- Give your child a choice of songs to sing with actions, and sing along ("Wheels on the Bus," "Old MacDonald").
- Wait...let your child talk first. What he says might surprise you!! Repeat what he says in short but correct sentences (Child: "There cat!" Adult: "Yes, there is a cat.").
- TV, computer games, and Apps cannot teach your child to talk. He learns from talking and playing with you.

### PLAY

- Likes to play alone or beside other children
- Begins to take turns with other children (run and chase games)

### WATCH OUT FOR

- A child who doesn't respond to his name or look at you when you talk to him
- A child who used to say many words but is no longer saying much
- Repeated ear infections (Talk to your doctor)

### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- Choose books with large clear pictures. Make up your own story or take turns pointing to and talking about people and things in the pictures.
- Hide toys under/behind pillows, blankets and furniture. Have fun asking, "Where?"
- Expand your child's world: meet new people, go to the library and choose books, go to new places, share toys with friends.

## DON'T WAIT AND SEE!

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