

Talking Tips For Tiny Tots

BY 5 YEARS

UNDERSTANDS

- Understands long verbal directions (“When Grandpa arrives, tell him I am outside and help him take his bag upstairs.”)
- Understands many descriptive words: soft, hard, long, short, tallest, shortest, top, bottom
- Understands everything you say

EXPRESSES

- Uses almost all sounds correctly
- Can talk about the past, present and future
- Uses complete sentences, usually with correct grammar
- Can explain and answer questions (“What would you do if...?”)
- Can retell a story
- Continues to learn new words and asks/explains what new words mean

THINGS TO TRY

- Play simple board/card games (Checkers, Snap, Tic-Tac-Toe).
- Encourage your child to make up stories to tell or act out for you.
- Talk about what’s happening in your life (yesterday, today, tomorrow).
- Play dress-up.
- Ask your child to tell you about his day (“What was the activity today?”, “Did you paint or colour today?”, “What story did you hear today?”).
- Ask your child to predict what will happen next (“What do you think will happen if ...?”).

PLAY

- Acts out long stories with a plot and plays the roles of characters
- Plays co-operatively with friends for long periods

WATCH OUT FOR

- Children who appear anxious and withdrawn and won’t interact with other children or adults
- A child with a rough, raspy voice lasting longer than one month.
- Periods of stuttering lasting more than three months

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

- Identify the sound at the beginning of a word: “Sun starts with “sss.” It’s the letter S.”
- Teach your child to recognize numbers and letters (point them out in books, do puzzles).
- Involve your child in jobs around the house – children love to help.
- Have your child help you bake. Talk about the amounts you measure, what order the ingredients are added, etc.
- Ask your child thinking questions, such as “Why?” “How?” “What if...”.

DON'T WAIT AND SEE!

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