



Tools / Materials:

None needed

Steps to Take:

Begin a conversation by asking your child a question. Give your full attention to your child's answer. Continue taking turns in conversation giving your child plenty of time to answer.



AT HOME

If you have 3 minutes

-Ask simple questions, comment on your child's answers.
At the dinner table- "What is your favorite thing to eat?" "What was your favorite thing you did at at school?", or say, "Tell me about your day."

If you have more time

-Read a book with your child, ask questions and comment.
Some possible questions are "What will happen next?", "Why do you think this happened?"
When coloring or painting, "tell me about your picture."
Looking out the window, "tell me about the weather."

-Offer choices of clothing, foods and activities. Encourage language. Ask your child why they chose a particular outfit.

Words to Know:

Conversation Discussion Listen Question Remember
What Who Where When Why How



ON THE GO

If you have 3 minutes

-While shopping ask, "What will we buy?", "How many do we need?", "What will we cook with this?"

If you have more time

-Ask questions like, "Where will we go?"
-Talk about a favorite book and what happened, talk about family stories and happenings. (Remember when?) Give your child a story-starter with your child's name or a familiar person "Once Upon a time there was a little girl named _____ and she _____. Continue to take turns, elaborate on the story, or use your child's name to tell a story of what he/she did today.

Possible Observations:

Child listens to person speaking; child responds to questions; takes turns in conversation; child speaks clearly; child initiates conversation

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