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Five fun, easy and powerful ways to help your child grow smarter.

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Tips for Toddlers & Preschoolers (12-60 Months Old)

TALK, SING, AND POINT

Describe Life

Talk about the things you're doing and what is going on around you. Have conversations as you walk around the neighborhood or do errands.

Be Specific

The more specific you can be with words, the more your child will learn. For example, instead of saying "Let's go," you could say, "Let's go shopping at the grocery store to buy some food."

Use Your Hands

When you talk about something, point to it. This helps your child understand what you mean. Encourage your child to point too. "Can you point to the triangle?" This will help them connect new words to the objects they represent.

Add Ideas

Help grow your child's vocabulary by expanding on what he says. For example, if he says "doggie," you can respond with, "Yes, that is a doggie. That doggie is brown and soft."

Listen and Respond

Listen to your toddler's questions and answer them. Have a conversation. This is when the most powerful learning takes place.

Ask Questions

Get your toddler thinking. Have them explain what they are doing or what they think is going to happen. You may get some funny answers!

Sing and Recite

Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes. Choose ones you remember from your own childhood, read in books, or make up new ones.

Use Any Language

It doesn't matter what language you speak with your infant. All languages are equally beneficial.



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