



Talking Together

Ages & Stages

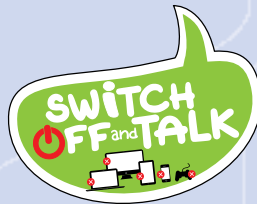
3 years and chattering away!



What is my talking like now?

At 3 years, your child will be starting to...

- use about 500 to 700 words.
- enjoy make-believe play, e.g. dressing-up.
- follow longer instructions with three key words e.g. 'find the cup and put it in Kim's bag'.
- use sentences of around 4 or more words.
- use little grammar words like 'I', 'me', 'a', 'the', and putting 'ed' endings on doing words e.g. 'We walked' but will use immature grammar sometimes e.g. 'shutted'.
- talk about things that happened in the past and what might happen in the future.
- ask lots of 'what', 'where' and 'why' questions.



Switch off and talk with me

Helpful Hints

I love make-believe games and really enjoy it when you play these with me.

I may make mistakes when I talk. Don't worry - just repeat back with an adult model. E.g. If I say "I bought the book" say back to me "Yes, you bought the book".

Because my language is developing so much, I might start to stumble on some words. This is ok, just give me lots of time to talk and try not to draw attention to the stumbles.



You don't need to ask me to copy words back - I'll learn it best from hearing you say it.

Read my favourite book to me over and over again. Encourage me to join in and say some of the words to 'pretend read'.

I feel really good when you look at me when I am talking. It lets me know that what I am saying is important.

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