

Word and Naming Activities with your Baby

At night, talk to your baby about what both of you have done throughout the day (i.e. "We had breakfast, then played peek-a-boo...")

Bring your baby to different rooms in your home. In each room, tell your baby about the things in there with descriptive details (i.e. "This is a big, brown kitchen table.")

Say a word or a sound that you think your baby has not heard before. Repeat it a few times. See if your baby attempts to say the word or imitate the sound.

Go around your home looking for items that start with each letter of the alphabet. Tell your baby the letter and name of that item.

Call someone and put the phone on speaker. Tell them to speak to your baby, and to listen if your baby responds.

When talking to your baby, ask them questions like, "Where are the toys?" Pause and look at them to see if they'll respond or babble back.

When your baby babbles or makes a sound, imitate them, including their gestures.

Repeat one to two syllable words to your baby, such as "mama" or "dada". Put your face close to them as you're saying the words, so they can see your mouth forming the shapes.

Each time you do something, and your baby is watching you, tell your baby what you are doing (i.e. "I am cooking dinner.")

Go around your home and find items with words on them (i.e. cereal boxes, book covers). Tell your baby what the words say and what the items are.



Songs to Sing to your Baby

The Alphabet Tree

(Tune: Here we go 'round the Mulberry Bush)

Here we go 'round the alphabet tree, the
alphabet tree, the alphabet tree.

Here we go 'round the alphabet tree

Singing the sounds of letters.

This is the sound 'a' can make.

Ah ah ah, ah ah ah.

This is the sound 'a' can make.

In words like apple and animal.

A Hippopotamus got on a City Bus

(Bounce baby on your lap)

A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus,
got on, got on, got on the city bus,

And all, and all, and all the people said, "You're squishing me!"

(Give baby a squeeze)

A sheep, a sheep, a sheep got on the bus,

And all, and all, and all the people said, "Baaack up!"

(Lean back with baby)

A cow, a cow, a cow got on the bus,

And all, and all, and all the people said, "Moovve over!"

(Learn to one side with baby)

Singing Tip!

Sing "The Alphabet Tree" with
different letters of the
alphabet, the sounds they make,
and what words they start with!



Singing Tip!

Show your baby pictures of
letters when you sing any song
with letters!