

Chatting Together – toddler and young child

get down to my level

Be down at my level so you can clearly see my face and I can see yours. Pay attention to notice what my facial expressions, sounds and words are telling you.



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watch and wait before joining in

I love it when you play alongside me, letting me take the lead.

Watch and wait to see how I choose to play and what I am interested in. Join in by making a comment or taking a turn. Give me plenty of time to respond.



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copy my sounds or words and add a bit more

When you repeat what I say, I know you are listening and it helps to keep the conversation going. Your longer sentences help me to learn new words.

Don't worry if I can't say all the sounds correctly just yet.



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talk to me whatever we are doing

Chat with me about whatever we are busy doing, whether I'm getting dressed or walking to nursery.

Try to comment instead of asking questions. Give me time to take a turn, with or without words.



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