



## Fun Talk: 24-36 Months

Your child will be learning many new words now. He should say phrases or sentences of at least two or three words. He should understand simple questions, such as “*Where are your shoes?*” The more time you spend talking to your child and teaching him new words, the faster he will learn language.

### Things to try:

- Talk with your child. Praise him for telling you some of the things he is doing and for making an effort to say new words.  
**Example:** While shopping at the grocery store, show your child a head of lettuce and say, “*Look at this lettuce.*” Your child should point and say “*lettuce.*” You say “*Yes this is lettuce.*”
- Read simple stories from picture books. You don’t have to read the story word for word as it is written. You may want to put it in your own words to make it easier. Ask the child questions about the stories and pictures.
- Teach “big” and “little.” Get together pairs of objects that are about the same except for size.  
**Example:** shoes (child and adult), books, toy cars, socks (child and adult). Show your child which of the pair is big and which is little. Then, ask your child to show you which is the big one or the little one.
- Teach your child the uses of objects by giving him directions to find objects that are used to do certain things.  
**Example:** “*Find something I can write with.*” “*Find something to comb your hair.*” See if he can bring you the correct object without being told the actual name first.
- Ask him to show you how to use certain objects in pictures.  
**Example:** Show him a picture of a cup and say, “*Show me what you do with this.*” If he doesn’t pretend to drink, show him by pretending to hold a cup in your hand and drink.
- Keep letting your child hear complete sentences. When he says an incomplete sentence, add to it to make it complete.  
**Example:** Child: “*Grandma in car.*”  
Parent: “*Yes, Grandma is in the car.*”

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