

Frequent conversations build vocabulary

Talking with you is one of the best ways for your child to increase her vocabulary. Talk to her about what you're doing as you go about household chores. Describe what you see as you walk or ride in the car. You can also:

- **Make some difficult words** part of your regular conversation. Don't just say the weather is *cold*. Say it's *frigid*.
- **Tell your child** the names of the new things she sees. Help her remember these words by linking them with familiar things: "A *kiwi* is a kind of fruit, just like an apple is a kind of fruit."
- **Sing songs together.** Sing to your child before she falls asleep, while she is taking a bath or while she plays. Enjoy familiar songs or make up your own.



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- **Expand on her speech.** Suppose your child points to the door and says "out." You can say "Oh, you would like to play outside now?"