



1-2yrs

- At around 18 months, children will know around 50 words and can say about 20.
- Children use sounds to represent meaning, e.g. “moo” for a cow.
- Starting to form sentences – combining two words, e.g. “doggy gone”.
- Can follow simple commands in context, e.g. “come here”, “give it to me”.
- Follows two-part instructions.
- Building on the ideas for younger children, chat and play with the things that interest your child.
- Ask them what they want to sing, play with or read.
- Play, sing and read together.
- Name objects and offer choices to build vocabulary.
- When you are playing, ask your child to hand you items you ask for, e.g. teddy, book, ball.
- Talk about what you are doing together – use words for actions as well as things.
- Use short simple sentences.
- Encourage use of and play with sounds.
- Introduce more songs and rhymes using gestures and objects to reinforce key words.
- Share picture books with your child and help them to name the pictures. Ask them to find familiar objects in books.

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