Tell Me All About It

Help your baby build connections and grow their brain for listening and spoken language. Providing meaningful listening and talking experiences every day can grow your baby’s future.

GOOD TO KNOW

Your baby has a lot of words to learn over the next few years.

Babies with hearing loss need to hear words over and over and hear them in short sentences with their hearing devices on. You can help by naming objects that your baby sees and talk about them by adding a comment.

TRY

For example: Your baby sees the bottle during feeding time, You: “Oh look, here is your bottle.”

Pause and wait before you give the bottle to your baby. See what happens! Your baby may look longer or begin to make sounds letting you know they want the bottle.

You: Continue using the word bottle in your comments. “I bet you are hungry. Here is your bottle. Mmmm that bottle is good.”

OBSERVE

Did your baby look like they knew what the bottle was? How could you tell?

Did your baby make sounds? If so, keep the talk going by saying it again.

REMEMBER

When you name and comment like this every time you feed, change, dress, or read to your baby, you are providing the repetition your baby needs to learn words.

Pay attention to the ways your baby responds when you name and comment. Even if your baby does not act differently, keep naming and talking about the objects. Remember babies need lots of repetition to help them learn!