



### The Importance of Talking

- Children develop language and other early literacy skills by listening to their parents and others **talk**.
- Listening to others **talk** allows children to learn new vocabulary and understand the meaning of the words they hear.
- Spoken language exposes children to the world around them and gives the background knowledge necessary to understand what they read.

### Talking activities that prepare for reading

- As children explore objects, describe them and their uses.
- Increase vocabulary by adding new words to what your child says. For example: "Yes, that elephant is big. In fact I think that elephant is gigantic!"
- Give your child multiple opportunities to talk to you. **Talk** in the car, at the grocery store, at the doctor's office, and at home.

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### 10 Times to Talk With Your Child

1. Morning routines
2. Doing household chores
3. In the car
4. At the store
5. Waiting in a line
6. During bath time
7. Before a nap
8. Before bedtime
9. During meals
10. Out on a walk

### Let's Talk About....

- **Talk** about when they were little.
- **Talk** about what you're doing as you go through your day.
- **Talk** about how they felt when they went down the slide.