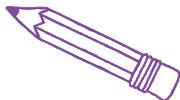


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program



Book title: COLOURS: SOPHIE LE GIRAFE

By DK Books

Time to talk

You will need:

- You and your baby.

Conversation tips for talking with your baby:

- Dressing your baby – describe what clothes they are wearing. Explore different colours, patterns and textures
- Meal time – describe the foods they are eating. Describe what you can smell and taste
- Bath time – this is a great opportunity to use lots of new words such as splosh, splash, drip, pour
- Play time – another opportunity to use new words. Describe what is happening during play time and the more comfortable you become the more words you will be using
- In the car – sing songs or favourite nursery rhymes. Point out landmarks as you notice them; the stop sign, traffic lights, a big truck, a bus or train!
- Out and about – talk with your baby and tell them about the world around them. Take time to notice birds in a tree, ducks at the park, sand at the beach, flowers in the garden.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

Further information

Babies are learning about the world around them from the moment they are born. Talking with your baby right from the start is important – even though they cannot speak to you they can respond by smiling, babbling and by making gestures.

Babies need to hear lots and lots of words before they will begin to speak themselves. Babies learn how to speak by watching and copying your mouth and how it moves to make different sounds. This is why facing your baby and spending time talking to them is so important for their language development. Have fun exploring your baby's world and don't worry if you feel silly talking with your baby, the more you talk with each other the more comfortable you will become.

Songs

The Rainbow Song, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star or Open, Shut Them.

Key message

Children learn language by listening to it and using it.

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