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Play With Me

When you play with me I am learning about the world. We can take turns and copy each other.



Play With Me

Watch how I play and follow my lead. Describe what we are doing; the sounds things make, how things feel and what things look like. I like to explore but I need you to keep me safe!

We can play with everyday things, not just toys. Pans make a great set of drums! Talking to me about what we are doing to help me learn new words.

We could play with dolls and brush their hair. If you repeat words, “brush, brush, brush”, this helps me to learn.





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Share Stories With Me



I like it when we
share stories
together. Talking
about the pictures
helps me
understand.

Share Stories With Me

I like it to be cosy and quiet when we read together – turn off distractions; music, your phone or the television.

I enjoy listening to stories at any time.

Use different voices, this keeps me interested and makes the story fun.

I like going to the library. It's a great place where there are lots of books to enjoy together.





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Sing With Me



I like to hear
songs over and
over again, it
helps me sing
them with you.

Sing With Me

We can clap our hands and stamp our feet in time to the music.

Turn off the television and reduce other noise while we sing so that I can concentrate on you.

We can sing anywhere; in the car, at the library, in a Family Hub group.





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Talk With Me

I like it when you talk to me; even before I am born I can hear you.

When you talk to me, my brain makes connections and it helps me to learn.

Talk With Me

**Talk to me about the things we are doing.
If you give me time, I may respond with smiles,
gestures or words.**

**It helps me to understand what you are saying when
we are face to face and make eye contact. It's fun when
you use gestures, facial expressions and talk in a quiet or
excited way.**

**At mealtimes, bath times and when I get dressed, talk me
through what is happening and tell me what will happen
next.**





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Listen To Me



I communicate with you in lots of different ways even before I can talk. When I look at you, when I smile at you, when I point and use gestures and even when I babble, I am 'talking' to you.

Listen To Me

When you are listening to me, be at the same level and make eye contact. This helps me know you are paying attention and encourages me to talk.

When I make sounds, listen to me. Repeat them back to me and we can start a conversation.

I enjoy playing 'copycat' games - smile at me and wait for me to smile back. I like to role play conversations, pretend to be on the telephone and I might too.

