



WAYS TO SUPPORT

Language & Literacy

FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-3



A language foundation helps your child build strong brain connections, learn to communicate and express feelings. **Help your child age 0-3 years develop language skills by:**



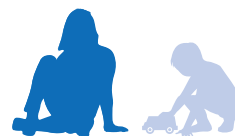
Talking to your child and explaining what's happening around them.

Telling stories and introducing new words every day.



Listening and responding to your child.

Adding on to sounds to create words and adding on to words to create sentences.



Using different words to describe common things, like calling a car an automobile.



Reading together helps your child build brain connections around language and gives meaning to words.

Some activities you might try are:



Set aside time every day to read together.



When you read a favorite book, **ask your child to fill in the sounds.** "What sound does a cow make?"



Choose stories that have **rhymes and repeating sounds and words.**



Ask your child to tell you what is happening in the story, or point to something on the page and ask what it is.

Steps

Great strides begin with small steps.

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