

# #TALKINGISTEACHINGTIPS CALENDAR



Talk, read, and sing with your children every day! Simple interactions like the ones below can help boost children's brain and language development, setting them up for success in school and beyond. Please share photos of your family talking, reading, and singing using the hashtag #TalkingIsTeachingTips.

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During your trip to the grocery store, talk about the fall-themed fruits and vegetables you see! "Look at this pumpkin! What color is it? Is it soft? Hard?"

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Fall foliage is both beautiful and a great learning opportunity! As you go on a walk with your little one, search for leaves and then sort them by color, size, or shape!

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Turn snack time into learning time! Cut slices of different types of apples and talk about how they taste. "This green apple is sour! Do you think the red apple will be sweet or sour?"

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On a cool fall evening, cuddle up with a warm blanket and read a book with your little one.

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Take a moment to talk about what you're thankful for today! "I'm thankful that we got to go on a walk together! What are you thankful for?"

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Decorate your house for fall! Tape leaves to the door and decorate the walls with your child's art! As you decorate, talk about each item together! "What should we put on the wall next?"

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Get your little one's wiggles out by dancing to your favorite fall-themed music! Do the monster mash together or sing and dance along to your favorite songs!

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Have fun playing outdoors with your baby and talking about what you see together!

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Go on a "shape hunt" with your little one. Search for different shapes in your home and around your neighborhood.

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As you do laundry, play a game of finding the matching pairs of socks with your baby.

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Use your senses to explore the environment around you! What do you see? Hear? Smell?

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Talk about colors and clothing. Say, "I noticed you're wearing a red shirt and blue pants. What colors am I wearing?"

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Have fun pretending to move and sound like different animals. "Ribbit and hop like a frog" or "chirp and flap your wings like a bird"!

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Have fun finding things of different sizes and using words to describe them. Ask, "Can we find something big? Humongous? Small? Tiny? Short? Tall?"

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Practice saying and spelling your child's name with them! Write it out and trace the letters together, or spell out their name in a song!

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Give your baby age-appropriate art materials like chunky crayons and paper to create art together.

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Talk about water on a rainy or snowy day! What does water feel like? Taste like? Sound like?

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Use stories to spark creativity and imagination. During story time, ask your child, "What do you think will happen next?" Or ask her to make up and a story of her own!

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Talk about your job or workers you see out and about! What is the construction worker building? How does a firefighter help people?

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Ask questions about your child's art. You can say, "I noticed you used the color blue. Why?"

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Talk with your baby about his day! Ask them what he did, how he felt, and what he wants to do tomorrow!

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Spending time drawing and coloring with your child can develop her creative, motor, and language skills! Ask her to draw their favorite food or animal!

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Laughing is an important part of learning! Play fun games like "peek-a-boo" or sing funny nursery rhymes.

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When you go on a walk with your baby, count the trees, leaves, cars, or animals that you see.

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During bedtime, talk with your baby about your favorite parts of the day.

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Talk about clothing and the weather. "What do we wear when it is cold? Warm?"

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Cuddle and share a story about your childhood. It's a great way to bond with your baby.

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At the grocery store, give your baby an apple to hold in each hand. Ask, "Which is heavier? Which is lighter?"

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Use words to describe time with your child as you do different activities. Was the walk long or short? Do you like long walks or quick walks?

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Use mealtime as an opportunity to support your child's early math skills. Ask, "How many crackers are on your plate?" or "Which apple is bigger? Biggest?"



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