



Daily Do...Prenatal Two-Way Talk

Handout JS9



What are they trying to tell me with their kicks, taps and other movements?

How can I use my touch and voice to let them know I felt what they were trying to tell me?



What are you hearing, seeing, touching, doing, and feeling?

What kicks, taps, and other movements are they using to respond to me?



Keep following these steps until you feel like your baby is done talking to you from inside your belly.

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Cut out each step below. With the support of your home visitor, paste each step with the correct question or statement on your Prenatal Two-Way Talk handout.

Step 1. Wait and wonder.

Step 2. Let them know you care.

Step 3. Describe the outside world to them.

Step 4. Wait for their response.

Step 5. Keep the conversation going.



The potential payoffs that are important to me are:

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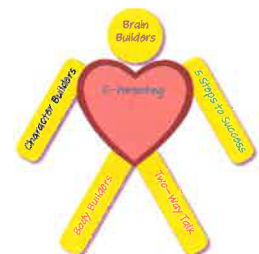


Growing Great Kids™

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Prenatal Two-Way Talk

Building Early Language Development

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What are the potential payoffs for parents and children when parents use Two-Way Talk many times every day?

Children may:

- Become more effective communicators at an earlier age.
- Learn more easily because their receptive and expressive language skills will be stronger.
- Have more words to use for communicating and representing themselves, their families, and their community.
- Have a stronger foundation for literacy and conceptual thinking (good problem-solvers).
- Feel better understood.
- Understand sports at an earlier age because they have a better understanding of words and their meanings.
- Be better “advocates” for their families, communities, and themselves because they will know how to use words effectively.
- Have larger vocabularies as adults.
- Better understand the feelings of others.



Parents may:

- Have more fun with their children as they learn to talk.
- Feel more confident because they know how to support their child’s language learning.
- Discipline with words, making this aspect of parenting easier and more peaceful.
- Become better communicators.
- Find that communities have a “stronger voice” because their children grow up being stronger speakers.
- Communicate better with each other because parents have supported language learning.
- Find that communities are more capable of solving their problems because children will grow up to be better communicators.

