



BABY TALK

Also called “motherese”, “parentese”, or infant directed speech

This is not literally talking like a baby but the spontaneous way that mothers, fathers, and caregivers speak with infants and young children. Parents have a special way of talking to their young children that fosters language development.

- Short sentences
- Simplified grammar
- Exaggerated speech melody
- Very repetitive

Parentese uses actual language and exaggerates it. It is not made up words or nonsense syllables. It is responding to your young child and putting words to their actions. Include your child in conversation and narrate your day. It may seem silly, but young children love to hear their parents speak and they learn language by listening and being spoken to.



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Speak slowly and clearly.

Pause between sounds.

Vary the pitch of your voice.

Talk to your child often.

Read. Read. Read.
Every day.

Use real words, not nonsense or babble

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