

Toys have language, too!



Toys. They're fun, they're loud, and they're all over the place. But toys are an essential part of a child's development. Every toy... even the ones that you swear you'll never give new batteries to... can be used to create opportunities for your toddler to learn and build new language. Use them! It's child's play!

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Objects

Give a name/sound to things your child plays with.

Examples:

- car
- block
- bubble
- boom boom!
- nom nom!



Actions

Talk about what you're doing as you're doing it.

Examples:

- go/stop
- in/out
- up/down
- catch
- wash



Descriptors

Describe your child's toys, make feelings exciting!

Examples:

- sticky
- pretty
- mad
- yellow
- big



Social

Show your child that they can interact with toys.

Examples:

- hi puppy!
- bye ball!
- goodnight
- peekaboo
- thank you

