

Conversation can enrich your child's vocabulary

Building your child's vocabulary can be as simple as having a conversation with him. Experts say that the more words a child hears by the age of two, the better his vocabulary will be.

Here's what to do:

- Encourage your child to chat with you.
- Let him steer the conversation. Pay attention to what he says.
- Use correct grammar when you respond, but don't "correct" him. Teach by example instead. If your child says, "My friend *don't* like cats," reply, "Your friend *doesn't* like cats?"
- Introduce a new word to your child. "Maybe cats *frighten* him."
- Ask him to use the new word in a sentence.



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- Remind your child of the new word later on. "There's a cat outside! Do you think that cat would frighten your friend?"