

Toddler Talk

27-30 months



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By 27-30 months, toddlers will usually:

- *become very frustrated when they cannot get their message across. This is one reason for toddler tantrums
- *enjoy pretend play with their toys, such as feeding dolly or pretending to drive a car, usually making noises and talking while playing
- *understand between 200 and 500 words
- *understand simple questions and instructions like "where's baby?", "go and get your coat", "mummy's turn"
- *use over 50 single words like 'juice', 'car', 'biscuit'
- *be starting to put short sentences together with two to three words, such as "more juice" or "big red bus"
- *be asking simple questions such as "what that?", "who that?" They might do this quite a lot!

How to encourage toddler talk:

- *sharing interactive books with flaps and textures are great for introducing new words
- *Sometimes wait for your toddler to start a conversation. Don't feel you need to fill the silence
- *Repeat and expand what they say, e.g. if he says "car", you say "mummy's car" or "fast car"
- *Give them thinking time to understand what you have said AND to think of their reply!
- *Get involved in their play — follow their lead and try to be a play partner. Taking turns and keeping your language simple helps them learn.
- *Keep dummies for sleep times if at all

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