

LEARNING TO TALK

(BIRTH TO 2 1/2 YEARS)

6. Don't Force It



Don't try to make your child talk... WAIT, then say what she would say if she could, then WAIT some more.

Wait for your child to make a choice by reaching, pointing or using words. Give

your child a choice of things to wear, eat or do.

Instead of telling your child what to say, try filling in the blank. For example in a chase game, say, "1, 2, 3..." then WAIT. If your child doesn't say GO - you say it.

Look at a book together. Instead of asking "What's that?" "What colour is that?" try open-ended comments like: "I wonder what will happen next."

Do the dishes with your child. Say something like "I need more soap." WAIT and see what your child does or says.



Call **1-888-503-8885** or visit us at **www.language-express.ca** for more information.

LANGUAGE EXPRESS
Preschool Speech Language
Services