

Talk to your baby in your own language

The best way to help your child learn to talk is to talk to him as much as possible in your own language - it doesn't have to be English. That way, your child will learn to talk confidently, and will be ready to learn English when he starts at nursery or school.

- Talk to your baby in your own language about what you're doing together – when you're bathing or feeding your baby, or changing her nappy.
- Have fun with rhymes, poems and songs in your own language.
- Tell your child stories in your language. Encourage him to join in with the storytelling.
- Try to find books written in your language for your child, or try making your own.
- Encourage your child to play with children who speak the same language as she does.
- Talk to your child about what he did at playgroup or nursery in your language. If he uses English words repeat what he has said using your language. But do not correct him or make him use your language.
- Help your child feel proud of your language. If she speaks more than one language, teach her the names of the languages.
- Don't laugh or tease your child because of his accent or if he makes mistakes.



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以你的語言對你的嬰兒說話

儘量時常以你的語言對你孩子說話乃是幫助他學說話的最好方法 – 不一定要說用英語。這樣你的孩子學說話會有信心，當入學幼兒園或小學時候作好準備學習英語。

- 用你的語言對你的嬰兒說你們一起做的事 – 當洗澡、餵食或換尿布時候。
- 享受用你的語言哼兒歌、吟詩和唱歌帶來的樂趣。
- 用你的語言給你的孩子說故事，鼓勵他一起說故事。
- 給你的孩子找到一些你語言印本的書籍，或者自己製做。
- 鼓勵你的孩子與說用同一語言的其他孩子一起玩耍。
- 用你的語言與你的孩子談談他在遊戲組或幼兒園做了什麼。如果他說用英語字彙，不妨以你的語言重複他的說話。不過切勿改正他，或者要他使用你的語言。

- 促使你的孩子以自己的語言引以為豪。如果他會說多於一種語言，教他認識語言的名稱。
- 如果你孩子的口音不正或說錯了，切勿因此而取笑他。