



Did you know?

- Your child practises new skills every day.
- Your child is starting to match objects and recognise similarities and differences.
- The more words children hear, the more they learn to say.
- Your child can follow a few simple instructions and identify familiar objects.
- Exploring and touching are ways your child learns.
- Your child will want to choose books and can help you turn the pages.
- Your child enjoys being with other children.

What can you do now?

- Take time every day to look at, listen to and read with your child.
- Name the objects at which your child points.
- Teach your child animal names and noises, encouraging imitation.
- Check out your local library to borrow great books and music.
- Find objects, family, friends and people — in books, pictures and real life.
- Have fun singing the rhymes and songs your child knows.
- Try to keep TV time under 1 hour per day.
- Give your child thick brushes and crayons to draw with.
- Have you joined your local playgroup?

Who can help?

- Family and friends.
- Your doctor or community worker, childcare or playgroup staff.
- Early Words website www.earlywords.info
- If your child has additional needs, ask your doctor or child's special worker for more ideas.

Look out for more tips when your child is 3 years old.