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Language Development

A child will begin to use words around age one and will have approximately fifty words by age two. Between the age of two and three a child will begin to put words together to form sentences. By the time the child is five he or she will have a vocabulary of approximately 2000 words and the length of their sentences will increase.

What can you do at home to help your child?

1. Focus on words that are important to your child.
2. Make up a silly song with the new word.
3. Encourage your child to use the new word.
4. Give your child your full attention when he or she is talking.
5. Give your child choices. For example, do you want eggs or bacon for breakfast?
6. Model good speech for your child.
7. Teach your child how to greet a visitor.
8. Stimulate language with creative toys.
9. Talk about what you are doing and things that are important to your child.
10. Encourage your child to ask questions.

11. Take an interest in your child's homework.
12. Expand your child's remarks.
13. Listen and be interested in what your child is saying.