

10 SIMPLE IDEAS FOR EVERYDAY CONVERSATION

1 Describe your actions:

"I'm going to put all the white clothes in one pile, and the dark clothes in this pile."

2 Describe your child's actions:

"I see that you put on your blue socks today."

3 Ask your child to describe something he did:

"Tell me how you made this Lego ship."

4 Ask questions that require thinking and more than one-word responses:

"What do we need to take on our picnic?"

5 Talk about things you see when you're out and about:

"I wonder what that man is building" or "I see a red bird flying from one tree to another."

6 Tell your child about your day.

7 Encourage your child to tell you about her day.

8 Tell your child stories from when you were a child.

9 Ask them about favorite colors, animals, or people.

10 When you read a book, discuss what may happen next or let your child describe their favorite character or part of the story.

Talking with your child is one of the most important things you can do to get their brain ready for learning. Even educational shows and apps are no replacement for the person-to-person interaction between you and your child!

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