### Talking Tips

**Our Home**

- Your baby just arrived in your home, and could use a tour! Take your baby from room to room and point out important items in the room. Explaining what these items do and what they are for will lead to more conversation and teaching.

**Getting Dressed**

- Explain what you are doing while you are getting your baby dressed. Tell your baby what is going on at each step, and use this situation to introduce body parts as well as clothing names.

**Changing Diapers**

- Similar to getting dressed, this every day situation is a perfect time to reassure your baby by explaining each of your steps.

**Reading**

- Even though your baby can't read yet, introducing books and stories is an important part of their early literacy. You don't have to feel like you need to read every word on each page. Let your baby lead the discussion and watch what catches their interest. Talk about what they are looking at or pointing toward.

### You Could Say Things Like:

**Cooking**

- "This is the kitchen. We cook our meals in the kitchen using the stove, the oven, and these pots and pans."

**Meal Time**

- "Are you feeling hungry? Let's get you into your chair so you can eat. I'm going to pick you up and put you into your chair. Ready? 1, 2, 3... UP WE GO!"

**Washing Up**

- "Are you feeling hungry? Let's get you into your chair so you can eat. I'm going to wipe your bottom before we put a new diaper on. The wipe is a little cold, are you ready?"

**Play Time**

- "Which book would you like to read? Can you point to the book you want to read? Can you turn the page. Good job turning the pages!"

### Conversation Starters

#### Our Home

- **Reading**: "Let's read together! Can you point to your favorite book?"

- **Cooking**: "Are you hungry? Let's make some food!"

- **Meal Time**: "Are you ready to eat?"

- **Washing Up**: "Are you clean now?"

- **Changing Diapers**: "Are you feeling dirty?"

#### Pets

- **Talking Tips**: "Do you see the doggy? That's Fred, he lives here too. Fred meets people by sniffing. I put my hand out to show Fred he can sniff me and I won't hurt him. Now I can pat his head. Good, Fred. We have to be sweet with our animal friends, nice and gentle."

- **You Could Say Things Like**: "Hi, kitty! Can you wave hello to the black kitty? Do you want to give kitty a treat? Let's put a treat down for kitty to enjoy."

- **Talking Tips**: "Does it make you happy to hear my voice? Is that a smile? Can you smile? Oh, there it is, big smile! Are you a happy, loved baby? Yes you are!"

- **You Could Say Things Like**: "Wow! What a morning! Are you ready for a nap? Me too! Let's sit down in this rocking chair and start to relax. Can you feel that motion? That's nice, isn't it? Let's take a rest together."

- **Talking Tips**: "The water is nice and warm. Do you like the water? Look at these bubbles the soap makes. Bubbles are round and go pop! when we use them."

- **You Could Say Things Like**: "Wow! You are making big splashes with your hands! Can you feel the water splashing all around you? Great job moving your arms around to make splashes!"

- **Talking Tips**: "It's the end of our day and time for bed now. Your belly is full and your body is clean and you are wearing your pajamas. All ready to go to sleep and rest up for tomorrow."

- **You Could Say Things Like**: "Rockabye baby in your sleep suit, your mama loves you and thinks you are cute."
**Talking Tips**

**Car**

- **Talking**
  - Name things around you, such as cars and colors.
  - Point to things and ask your baby to touch them.
  - Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes.

**Bus**

- **Talking**
  - Talk about the bus driver and passengers.
  - Discuss the sights and sounds outside the window.
  - Sing songs or hum along to music.

**Train**

- **Talking**
  - Name the train cars and platforms.
  - Discuss the sounds of the train.
  - Point to the tracks and ask your baby to imagine the train moving.

**Walk**

- **Talking**
  - Name the different parts of the body, such as the head, feet, and hands.
  - Sing songs or recite nursery rhymes.
  - Discuss the sights and sounds along the way.

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### Talking Starters

**In the Car**

- **Meeting Others**
  - Introduce your baby to new people you encounter.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of a person.

- **At the Park**
  - Name the different areas and attractions.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of the park.

- **At a BBQ/Picnic**
  - Name the different foods and utensils.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of the picnic setup.

- **Food Shopping**
  - Name the different sections and products.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of the shopping bag.

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**Conversation Starters**

**At the Library**

- **Talking**
  - Name the different sections and areas.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of the library.

**At the Doctor**

- **Talking**
  - Name the different medical equipment.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of the doctor's office.

**Parts of the Body**

- **Talking**
  - Name the different body parts.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of their body.

**Dancing**

- **Talking**
  - Name the different steps and movements.
  - Ask your baby to point to different parts of their body while dancing.

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**Share Your Ideas!**

What are some other ways you incorporate language into your baby's day? Share your ideas in the comments below!

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