

# TEN TOP TIPS FOR TALKING

Here are some really simple things that you can do to support the development of your child's speech, language and communication skills, from pre- birth to age five.

**1**

When I am in mum's tummy I can hear. I love to listen to your voice when you talk or sing to me. I even like to listen to your favourite music.

**2**

Cuddle me close so I can see your face and talk to me as soon as I am born.

**3**

Talk about things that interest me or tell me how you think I am feeling.

**4**

Don't ignore me.

**5**

I love it when we play, sing and look at books together.

**6**

Talk to me all the time.

**7**

Play talking tennis with me.

**8**

Teach me new words.

**9**

Take my dummy out when we are talking.

**10**

Use the language you know best when you talk to me at home.



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