

Looking for more ideas to support your child's talking?



Language & Communication in 18 month olds

Information and advice for parents



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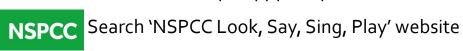
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Concerned about your child's talking?

Contact our Advice Line:

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You can also talk to your GP, Health Visitor, or nursery/children's centre staff for advice on how to refer children to Speech and Language Therapy.



What to Expect.

Every child is different and children communicate in diverse ways.

At 18 months old, children usually...

Respond to their name

Make eye-contact & respond to facial expressions

Say words that they hear a lot, consistently in their own way (e.g., "Dada").

Follow simple instructions (e.g., "Shoes on").

Point to familiar objects when you ask.

Begin to enjoy pretend play (e.g., pretending to talk on the phone).

Supporting Your Child.

There are lots of ways to support your child's language and communication at home...

