

# Chatting Together

**Listen, watch and respond to me**

I can't talk yet,  
but I have lots to  
tell you.

Pay attention  
to my facial  
expressions,  
sounds and  
wiggles to find out  
how I am feeling  
or what I need.

Help me settle  
with a calming  
lullaby or chat  
to me about what  
I am doing.



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## Use a sing song voice

I can recognise your voice before I'm born. Finding quiet times to chat, sing or tell me stories helps me feel happy and safe.

Help me to tune in by using a sing song voice that goes up and down.



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**Our best place is face to face**

Be at my eye level to help me to see you, and so you notice how I am feeling.

Use smiles and a gentle voice to hold my attention. I might look away, but that's OK, I'll come back.



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**Copy my sounds, funny faces  
and gestures**

**When you copy  
me, I notice you  
are listening  
and that you  
want to keep  
the conversation  
going.**

**I love it when  
you make me  
laugh by copying  
my gestures and  
gurgles, then  
pausing for me to  
take another turn.**



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## Get down to my level

Be down at my level so you can clearly see my face and I can see yours.

Pay attention to notice what my facial expressions, sounds and words are telling you.



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## Watch and wait before joining in

I love it when you play alongside me, letting me take the lead.

Watch and wait to see how I choose to play and what I am interested in.

Join in by making a comment or taking a turn.  
Give me plenty of time to respond.



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**Copy my sounds or words and add a bit more**

When you repeat what I say, I know you are listening, and it helps to keep the conversation going. Your longer sentences help me to learn new words.

Don't worry if I can't say all the sounds correctly just yet.



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**Talk to me whatever we are doing**

Chat with me about whatever we are busy doing, whether I'm getting dressed or walking to nursery.

Try to comment instead of asking questions. Give me time to take a turn, with or without words.



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