

## Activity

# Talking about words

Talk with your child about words  
your child is interested in.

Talk about:

- What words mean (enormous means very big; a robin is a bird).
- The sounds in words (soap has a “s” sound).
- Long words with lots of sounds and short words (alligator, sun).
- How words make up sentences.





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To help your child succeed, you can:

- Talk about the sounds in your child's name.
- Say a short sentence and help your child clap or tap a sound with an object or musical instrument (drum, spoons, blocks) for each word in the sentence.
- Use familiar words, songs and books with short repetitive sentences (Let me in, Let me in; Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?).



To make this activity more challenging, you can:

- Ask your child to choose a word out of a sentence (The mouse ran up the clock).
- Ask your child to tell you which word is longer (cat or alligator).
- Help your child count words in sentences or syllables and sounds in words.
- Play games where your child can do something fun for each word in a sentence or each syllable or sound in a word. Your child can: clap, tap a musical instrument, move a bead on a string, throw a sand bag in a box.