



## Literacy Minute

### Talk, Talk, Talk



Talking to your child is important. The more you talk to your child, the more language they will develop. It is also important that children have the chance to practice their language by talking. Children who start kindergarten knowing lots of words do better all throughout school. You can encourage your children to talk more by:

- Looking at their faces when they are speaking
- Waiting a few seconds before replying to what they say
- Taking only one speaking turn at a time
- Showing you are listening by looking them in the eye, nodding your head, and making comments like, “Oh”, “Really?”, “What happened next?”

Source: Talk! Talk! Talk! Tools to Facilitate Language. Muir et al.