

# TALK! together!



# Help your child get

# Ready **2** Read!

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Children learn language and other early literacy skills by listening to their parents and others talk. As children hear spoken language, they learn new words and what they mean. They also learn about the world around them. This will help children understand the meaning of what they read.

- Make sure your child has many opportunities to talk with you, not just listen to you talk.
- Respond to what your child says and extend the conversation. "Yes, we did see a truck like that last week. It's called a bulldozer."
- Stretch your child's vocabulary. Repeat what your child says and use new words. "You want a banana? That's a very healthy choice!"

