

# BUILDING VOCABULARY

Help your child say more things more often



## USE DIFFERENT TYPES WORDS

Learning different types of words will help your child to express different kinds of messages and prepare them for combining words into short phrases.

- *Names* - teddy, Mommy, ball
- *Location words* - in, down, under
- *Social words* = hello, night-night
- *Belonging words* = mine, Daddy's, hers
- *Action words* - jump, eat, kiss, squish
- *Feeling words* - happy, sad, tired
- *Describing words* - big, soft,
- *Sound effects* - whee, zip, uh-oh, vroom, beep-beep



## COMMENT

Use comments to narrate what you or your child are doing. Comments teach your child new words. Questions tend to only test what the child already knows, so try to limit questions to times when you truly need to know an answer (e.g. *What do you want to eat? Which book would you like to read?*)

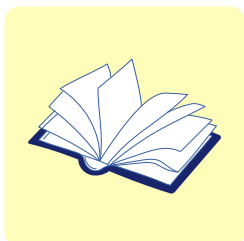
## WORDS YOU COULD REPEAT WITH...



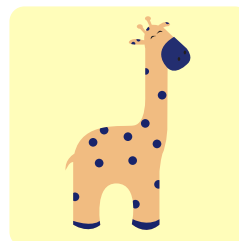
*Action:* pop, blow  
*Names:* bubble, jar, wand  
*Belonging words:* my (turn), your (turn)



*Location:* up, on, down  
*Action:* stack, fall  
*Sound effects:* uh-oh, whoa!



*Action:* turn (the page), open, close  
*Names:* label things on the page  
*Social words:* again, all done



*Describing:* tall, gentle, cozy  
*Action words:* hug, sleep, walk  
*Feeling words:* hungry, silly

## KEEP IT FUN!

It's okay if your child doesn't repeat the word after you. Keep creating opportunities for them to hear it, and they will try to say it when they are ready!