



# Looking For Ways To Increase Your Baby's Language Skills? Try Parentese!

**Parentese** is fully grammatical speech that uses real words, longer, exaggerated vowels, and a sing-song tone of voice.



## Science Says

Use parentese in the context of conversational turn-taking. This increases your baby's babbling and early language skills! Over time, this helps their language development, reading skills, and success in school.



## How To Use Parentese

Speak in a higher-pitched, sing-song tone of voice. Use real words – not baby talk like “goo goo” or “gaa gaa.”

**“Do you want to play with your big, red truck?”**

Make sure to give your child plenty of time to respond. It's okay if it's non-verbal! Your baby might make a sound, laugh, or even wiggle their arm. Be sure to acknowledge them and reply! You are continuing the conversation with your baby, which builds their language skills.

**“You do? Okay! Let's play with your big, red truck!”**



## Why Parentese?

When caregivers use parentese, babies pay attention! This helps them learn. Use parentese any time of the day to interact and engage with your baby.