

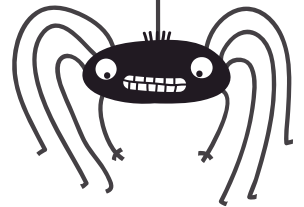
# 2-3 Years

**Your child's language ability will be picking up speed rapidly by this age. Most children can answer some 'what' and 'who' questions when they share stories.**

Activity: During bath time or while you're waiting for something, ask your child to tell you a story. Ask them questions about their story too, like, "What's the cat's name in your story?" and, "What colour is Kitty?"

**At this age, your child can understand far more than they can speak.**

Activity: Try non-fiction books about your child's favourite animal. You can borrow these for free from your local library. Non-fiction books will have lots of new and strange words. Explain what they mean and if possible, tell them about words with the same meaning.



**A child at this age needs between 5–12 seconds to hear and respond to a question.**

Activity: Ask your child questions about their day. Give them time to think and answer before you ask them another question or prompt them again.

**It's very common for children this age to find it hard to share. They may play alongside their siblings, but not with them. This is usual and will likely change again as they grow.**

Activity: Take something your children can play with side by side, like Duplo or Play Doh, and divide it between them, encouraging them to build or create whatever they like.

