

CAREGIVER CONNECTION CARD

Young Audiences of Louisiana 
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Baby Says...

Language Development

Between 13 and 20 months, toddlers’ brains become even more focused in the way they respond to words, which allows children to hear and understand you. This is called receptive language. Expressive or spoken language comes later, but they can communicate well with actions. Keep an eye out for clues that they understand you.

Tips to Connect

Talk to your baby to increase his/her vocabulary. Make it more meaningful by narrating actions and feelings.



MAIN PROP

Little Turtle Bath Toy

ALTERNATIVE PROP

Puppets are a great way to engage children and teach communication skills. Need help with a storyline? Grab a short book and act it out!

The Little Turtle

I had a little turtle.
Cup your hand to make a shell.

He snapped at a minnow.
Repeat motion.

He lived inside a box.
Cover shell with your other hand.

And he snapped at me.
Repeat motion.

He swam in the water.
Pretend to swim.

He caught the mosquito.
Snatch the imaginary bug and eat it.

And he climbed on the rocks.
Pretend to climb.

He caught the flea.
Same as above.

He snapped at a mosquito.
Snap at an imaginary bug with one hand.

He caught the minnow.
Again.

He snapped at a flea.
Repeat motion.

But he didn't catch me.
Shake your head and wag your finger.