

CAREGIVER CONNECTION CARD

Young Audiences of Louisiana 
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Express Yourself

Early Language

It is challenging to learn a new language, but toddlers are up to the task. Language is developed through an understanding of a language’s sound system, words, and grammar. By the age of five, children master the sound system and grammar of their language, and have a vocabulary of thousands of words. How quickly they arrive at the finish line varies, but they all take the same path: (1) early cries; (2) consonant and vowel combinations; (3) repetitions of syllables or babbling; and (4) first words.

Tips to Connect

Narrate your daily activities. If you run out of words to say, then read. Television does not have the same impact as the voices they know and love!



MAIN PROP

Echo Mic

ALTERNATIVE PROP

Drums: Use an empty canister to drum along with the song and emphasize the syllables. Understanding rhythm is a huge part of understanding language!

Mahna Mahna

*Adapted from Mah Nà Mah Nà by The Muppets
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Mahna Mahna do do do do do
 Mahna Mahna do do do do
 Mahna Mahna do do do do do do do do do
 do do do do do do do do do

Mama Mama do do do do do
 Mama Mama do do do do
 Mama Mama do do do do do do do do do
 do do do do do do do do do

Repeat with the following consonant and vowel combinations: Nana Nana, Baba baba, Papa papa, Tata tata and Dada Dada