



**Talking  
Together**

# **Ages & Stages**

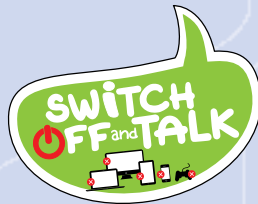
**I'm 2 and a half!**



**Chattering away!**

# At 2 and a half, your child will be starting to...

- learn new words everyday so that they have around 200-500 words they can use.
- understand longer instructions of up to 2 key words e.g., 'get your cup and a banana'.
- watch other children playing and occasionally join in.
- recognise the names and pictures of most common objects.
- use two word and even three word sentences e.g., 'Mummy eat apple'.



**Switch off and talk with me**

# Helpful Hints

I love looking at books. Sometimes I might just want to look at the pictures with you and miss pages out. This is fine - just talk about what I am interested in!

Unfamiliar adults may not be able to understand me all the time yet and I might get frustrated. Don't worry -just keep repeating the words back correctly for me.

Talk to me in short simple sentences. This gives me a model I can copy when I am ready.



I still have difficulty switching my attention from my toys to your voice. Call my name before talking to me to help me pay attention to you.

Help me expand my sentences by repeating back and adding a word to what I say, e.g. If I say "Daddy car" you could say "Daddy's driving the car".

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