



Children will talk more if you...

- Look at their faces
- Wait a few seconds before you reply to what they say
- Take only one speaking turn at a time
- Show you are listening

- Talk about what you are doing
- Talk about what they are doing
- Talk about what they want to talk about
- Talk about what you see

- Use new words
- Repeat new words often
- Repeat part or all of their sentences in question form
- Repeat their sentences and add to them

- Help them by starting their sentences or filling in difficult words
- Model correct sentence forms
- Respond to their feelings
- Ask appropriate questions

- Avoid criticizing them
- Avoid pressuring them to talk
- Avoid interrupting them
- Avoid changing topics quickly