

Descriptive Talking

How does descriptive talking help?

Young children age are focused on the 'here and now' of the world and may not be able to talk about or be interested in what happened yesterday or about something that is not around him/her now. Talking about what's happening in the moment will capture his/her interest and attention to learn language.

What is the goal of descriptive talking?

- For your child to:
 - use words to make choices.
 - use words to label objects around him/her.

What do I do?

- Talk about things you do and see when playing with your child (such as, "Look at the car go vroom")
- Talk clearly and simply about what you see your child doing (such as, "Sam is kicking the ball" or "Kick the ball")
- Add new information to what you see around you and your child (such as, "The cookies are yummy" or "I see the big red ball")

When to use descriptive talking?

- When you are playing with your child
- During meal times, bath time, diapering, or washing hands when your child is interested in what's going on around him/her.
- Anytime you talk to your child