

Language Acquisition Video-Scripts

[00:00:00] In the first years of life, infants and toddlers use their senses, sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell to explore the world around them, build relationships with you, and to begin to understand communication and learn language. Some infants and toddlers need additional support to develop their communication skills and learn language.

[00:00:28] Everyone in your child's daily life plays a crucial role in their language development. As parents and caregivers, you have powerful tools to support your child's language and communication development from birth. Talking, reading, looking at pictures together, singing, signing, and playing all create a fun and rich

[00:00:54] language environment from day one. Daily routines like eating, diaper changing, bathing, and bedtime are all opportunities to connect and interact by engaging their senses. These interactions can include gestures, facial expressions, and other forms of nonverbal communication, all of which contribute to your child's language development.

[00:01:20] Your child may babble, use sounds, gestures, words or signs. This is their way of trying to express themselves. Encourage their communication by responding, copying, and expanding on their sounds, signs or actions. Pause to let them respond back. Narrate both their actions and yours. All of this will foster their language development.

[00:01:50] Signs, gestures and simple pictures are all forms of communication. Celebrate any attempts your toddler makes to communicate. If you feel like your child isn't responding or if you have concerns about your child's communication and development, you can access free help. The Early Start Program supports California families with infants and toddlers who have developmental delays or disabilities.

[00:02:18] ~~Abilities~~ Early Start can help with accessing services to support your child's growth while keeping your family at the center of the process. After all, you are the most important teacher your child will ever have. Get started with Early Start today.