

Pet Talk

Primary Objectives

10a. Engages in conversations

Why It's Important

Children enjoy taking part in conversations that interest them. They love to talk about themselves and their experiences. Encouraging your child to participate in conversations with you will help her build confidence in her ability to relay information that other people can understand.

Materials

None

What You Do

1. Engage your child in a discussion about pets. Encourage her to think about a pet she has had or one who belonged to a friend or family member. She may also enjoy talking about what kind of pet she would like to have and how she might care for it.
2. Ask your child questions to lead the discussion. *When you had your pet, what did you feed it? Where did it like to sleep? How did you take care of it?*
3. Focus on the conversation, noting your child's ability to continue to converse for at least three exchanges. Continue asking open-ended questions and restating your child's language for as long as she is interested.
4. Look for other topics that your child may enjoy providing information about, and engage her regularly in conversations.