



# Use Your Best Talking Voice

Help your baby build connections and grow their brain for listening and spoken language. Providing meaningful listening and talking experiences every day can grow your baby's future.

## GOOD TO KNOW

**Not all hearing loss is the same.** Some babies can hear the sound but the sound may not be clear. Others can hear and the sound is clear. You may not know exactly how your baby tells one sound from another for a while. But, we do know that your baby needs to listen to you talk at a normal loudness that matches the way you talk to other family members.

Some people think that babies need us to talk LOUDER. In fact, sometimes it is harder to understand the words if they are spoken loudly.

## TRY

Talk to your baby all through the day at a normal volume and close to them. This will give your baby the best possibility to understand what you are saying. Pay attention to the ways your baby responds to your talking and other sounds that are loud and soft.

## OBSERVE

**If you or another person talks loudly to your baby, how do they react?**

What happens when you use a normal volume?  
What happens when you use a lower volume such as a whisper?



## REMEMBER

Talking at a normal loudness level helps your baby hear all speech sounds as clearly as possible. Not too loud and not too soft but just right!

Be sure and share this tidbit with other family members and caregivers.