

**BABIES THRIVE WHEN  
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS...**

**Ask  
Questions  
and Give  
Choices for  
Answers**

**Have a  
Set Time  
to Read  
Every  
Day**

**Describe  
Things in  
Detail,  
Using Lots  
of New  
Words**

**Pretend  
Play and  
Make  
Believe**

**Use Home  
Language**

**Use Gestures  
Like  
Waving,  
Nodding,  
and Blowing  
Kisses**

**Limit  
Use of  
Screens**

**Sing  
With  
Baby**

**Avoid  
Harsh  
Words**

**Use  
LOTS of  
Loving  
Words**



# HOW I COMMUNICATE

I am discovering how new words are connected to the world around me. I can now pair a few words together and follow simple instructions. Tune in to what I am doing and respond in consistent, loving ways.

# WHAT I NEED TO THRIVE

At 24 months, kids' vocabulary grows quickly. They can answer simple questions with more than just "yes" or "no" and use 2-3 words to ask for things, like "More milk." Try using the **PAT** strategy (point, act, and tell) when reading. This makes reading fun by using gestures, facial expressions, and helps build vocabulary by explaining new words in simple ways. Gestures and pointing are especially helpful for kids learning more than one language, as they help them understand the characters, words, and story better.

Here's the **PAT** vocabulary-building strategy:

**P – Point** – to pictures in the book that match the words.

**A - Act** – out words by using actions or facial expressions to show what they mean.

**T - Tell** – the meaning of words by giving simple definitions that help your child understand the story.

# 24 MONTHS RESOURCES



These Sesame Workshop resources will help your child learn language.



**A MIGHTY VOICE**- Finding confidence in the ways that you tell stories will make them even more special to the children you share them with. To learn more about Reading with A Mighty Voice, use the QR code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/a-mighty-voice/>

**LISTEN AND TALK TOGETHER** - Singing and talking together is a great way to build language skills and strong relationships. To learn more in this video, scan the QR code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/listening-talking-together/>



**READING ADVENTURES** - This interactive reading game can help build vocabulary and early reading skills when parents/caregivers and children to play together. It's not recommended for children under the age of 3 to use for solo play. To launch your Reading Adventure, scan the QR code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/reading-adventures/>