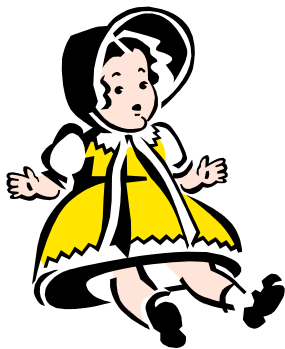


'TYKE TALK'

"Your Three Year Old"

Between the ages of 3 and 4, most children:

- Follow directions with more than one step—
"Pick up your doll and bring it to me."
- Know their full name (first & last)
- Use sentences that are at least 3 or 4 words long
- Will give directions— "fix this for me"
- Ask many questions (what?, where?, why?)
- Have a big increase in their vocabulary —
some children become real 'chatterboxes'



- May still have some words that they don't say clearly
- Tell short stories when talking about what they have done
- Start to understand the concepts of numbers—may begin to say 'one, two, three'
- Begin to know some colours—(red, blue, yellow)
- Use plurals to indicate more than one object—but still may add 's' incorrectly as in 'foots' instead of 'feet'

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THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR LITTLE TYKE!!!!

PUPPETS

Make all kinds of puppets at home—but don't stop there! Give a show—act out songs or stories you know or make up new ones. Have the puppets talk to each other. This encourages your child to talk and helps them to learn new words. You can make a puppet stage from a cardboard box, a table with a cloth draped down in the front or by hanging a sheet across a doorway.

Kinds of puppets:

- Sock puppets
- Paper puppets on sticks—use tongue depressors or popsicle sticks. Draw or cut out pictures to go along with the story that you are going to act out. You can also draw faces onto paper plates. Glue the pictures or faces onto the stick.
- Paper cup puppets—make a nose hole. Put your finger through the hole. Glue on or draw eyes, mouth, hair.
- Hamburger container puppets. Cut three holes in the back section for thumb and fingers. Cut two on the upper section, one on the lower. Decorate the front section with a face.

Tips for 'Tyke Talk':

- Offer choices (whenever realistic)
- Have your child choose a book and tell you a story from the pictures
- Read a familiar story, but add something silly. Let your child catch your mistakes and tell you the way it should be
- Repeat words that your child has difficulty producing—this is how he will learn to say them properly
- Play games like "I spy with my little eye" - this encourages your child to talk about and describe what he sees
- Help your child learn rhyming words—say a nursery rhyme but leave out the last word at the end of each line and see if your child can fill it in

Here is a fun song that children love to sing over and over:



(clap your hands while singing the first part of the song)

Icky sticky, icky sticky
Bubble gum, bubble gum
Icky sticky, icky sticky
Bubble gum

Stick it to your name a body part
Pretend you have bubble gum in your hand and stick your hand to the body part named

And you pull, and you pull, and you pull it away
Pretend to tug your hand away as if it were stuck very hard

Repeat song sticking the bubble gum to a different body part .

