



Talking Together

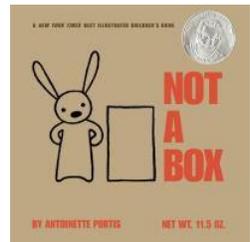
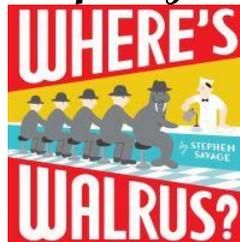
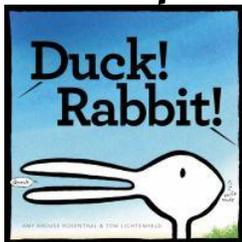
Ideas for Talking with your child

- Tell your child about what you are going to do today
- Tell your child stories about when they were born, or when their parents or grandparents met
- Ask your child open ended questions about the things you see and do together
- Help your child tell stories of their own through puppets, stuffed animals, or drawings
- Make up stories and rhymes about new places and things your child may not have seen before

Resources for Talking with Children

- Check out the Austin Public Library's Recommended Reading Lists for Picture Books about Talking
 - http://austin.bibliocommons.com/list/share/295286867_austinpplayreadgrow/298502187_talking
- Learn why talking is important and how to do it from Best Beginnings
 - <http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/why-the-30-million-word-gap-is-so-important>
- Support your child's communication skills with ideas from Zero to Three
 - <http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/early-language-literacy/helping-learn-to-talk.html>
- The Urban Child Institute has tips for parents on learning to talk (and listen!) to children
 - <http://www.urbanchildinstitute.org/articles/editorials/talking-children-up>

Our Top Five Picture Books for Young Readers About Talking



Read

Write

Sing

Talk

Play



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