

# #AreYouKiddingMe?

“Children’s academic successes at ages 9 and 10 can be attributed to the amount of talk they hear from birth through age 3.”

-Betty Hart and Todd Risley



Why should parents talk to babies as often as possible? In **the first three years, when 85 percent of brain growth occurs**, “parent talk” is the best way to feed a child’s growing mind.



Those words heard by babies and toddlers can have a big impact on them years later in school.

If you have questions about child development concerns such as this, call Help Me Grow, a free parent resource, at 2-1-1 or visit its website.

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