

Cars

Talking activities with toys



Talk Box

Talk about what you and your child are doing

As a parent or caregiver, you play an important role in your child's language learning. Turn playtime with toys into back-and-forth interactions and help your child build their language. When playing together, talk about what you and your child are doing. Try these activities in your language.



With your baby

- Drive a car on your baby's tummy. Say, "Here comes the car. It's on your tummy. Now it's on your arm!" Stop for a moment and wait for them to look at you or the car, move, or make a sound. Then play and talk again.
- Sit face to face on the floor with your child. Push a car back and forth with them. Make car noises like vroom, or beep-beep or use words like go or push.



With your toddler

- Sit face to face with your child. Push a car to them. Say, "Car" or "Ready. Go!" Wait for them to push it back. Help them by saying, "Ready..." then pause to see if they'll say, "Go!"
- Drive the car to school or to a farm. Talk about where they're going and what they'll see when you get there.



For more information scan this QR code or visit: ahs.ca/talkbox



With your preschooler

- Sit and play with your child. Drive the car to get gas or pretend to plug it in. Tell your child you have a flat tire. Ask them what to do next.
- Pretend the cars have turned into airplanes. Talk about how fast they can fly.



Where to get help

Speech-language pathologists can help. Learn more at ahs.ca/pedrehab.

These activities can also be used with other toy vehicles like trucks and buses.

