

Talking

Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help develop language and other early literacy skills.

Take your child on a picture walk. Pick out a favorite book. Point out the title, author, and illustrator. Talk to your child about the cover. Open the book and talk about the illustrations. Introduce your child to new words. Rephrase things your child says so he or she can learn more language. Extend the conversation to help children learn more about something.

If your child isn't talking yet, ask a question, wait for him or her to react with a gesture or by babbling and then give a positive response as though they have correctly answered your question.

Ask your toddler to tell you something about what happened during the day. Ask for more details so your child can expand the story. Ask more than just "yes" or "no" questions to give your child a chance to think about possible answers. This increases comprehension skills.

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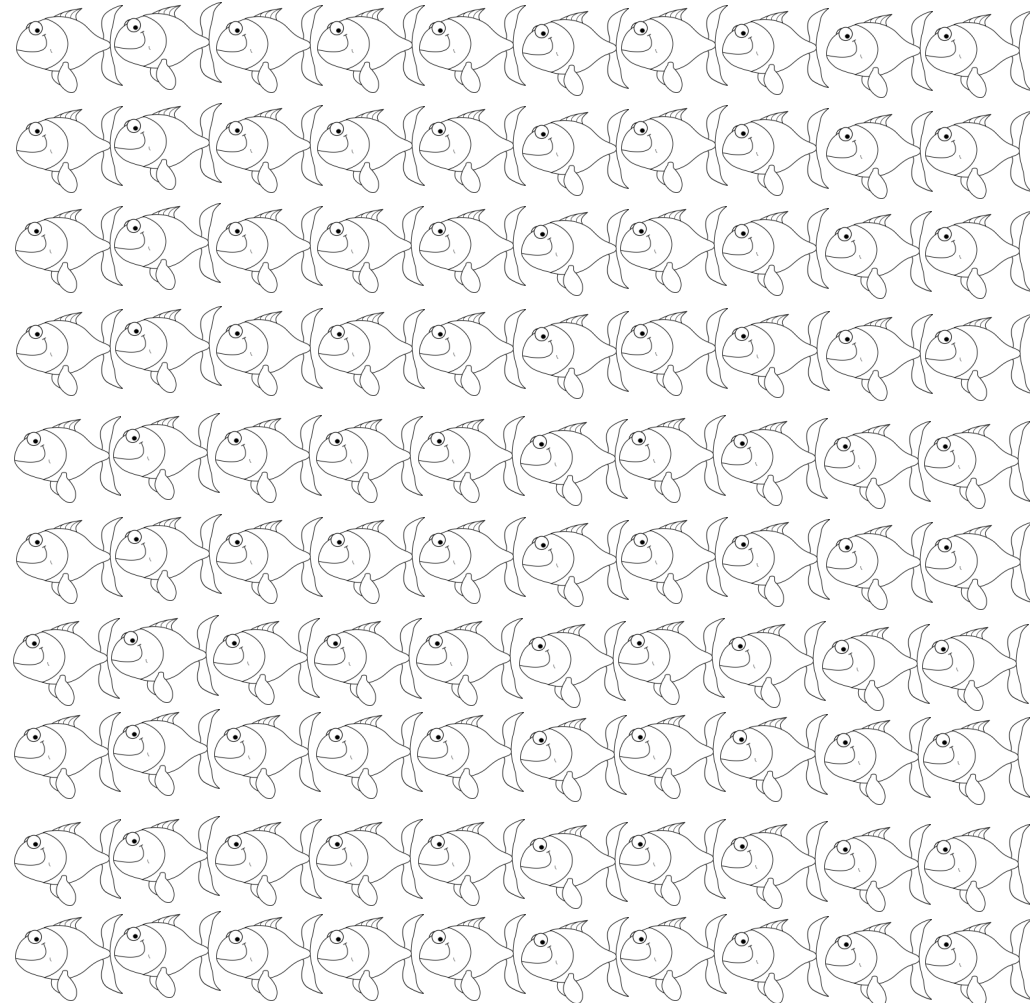
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