

EXAMPLES OF ADULT AND CHILD TALKING

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Example 1:

A 5 month-old and its care-giver...

Care-giver	How are you, then?
Child	Mmm
Care-giver	What can I do for you?
Child	(waves arms) Uhh
Caregiver	Oh, you want some milk, do you?

Example 2:

Lizzy is a 2 year old sitting with her mother. They are talking about a book, but soon the conversation changes...

Mum	What's the piggy saying to the rabbit?
Lizzy	Ah... writing
Mum	He's saying writing, is he?
Lizzy	Yeh
Mum	'n' then what did the rabbit say?
Lizzy	Say to ho hi ho 's off to work we go
Mum	He sang a song, did he?
Lizzy	Mm
Mum	Like Snow White?
Lizzy	Mm
Mum	What happened when you went to see Snow White?
Lizzy	I fell over
Mum	You fell over, did you?
Lizzy	I got tripped over