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Video Specific Discussion Questions

Born to Communicate - Chapter Three

Babies are Born Ready to Learn

Categories of questions:

Short answer questions (help participants to warm up and connect to their previous learning)

- *Can babies hear in the womb?*

- *Are babies born already familiar with the language(s) spoken by the mother?*

- *Are babies born ready to learn language?*

- *Does a baby learn best in a quiet, alert state?*

- *Can brain scan techniques show how new babies respond differently to a foreign language than to the one normally spoken in their environment?*

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APPLICATION

Personal experience questions (help participants apply what they have learned – make it personally relevant and meaningful)

- *Describe a baby in the "quiet alert" state.*

- *Have you noticed a baby who changed behaviour when curious about a sound? What happened?*

- *How do you interpret it when a baby looks at something for a long time?*

- *Have you noticed a baby respond to a familiar voice in a special way?*

- *Have you ever talked, read or sung a song to a sleeping baby? Why?*

REFLECTION

Open-ended questions (help participants reflect and move towards deeper learning)

- *What things can parents do to encourage babies to focus on language?*

- *Although babies are most familiar with the language spoken around them, they are ready to learn other languages as well. How is this so?*

- *Nursery rhymes have simple patterns. Why do you think that is? Is it related to the way babies learn?*

- *What kinds of stories do you think babies enjoy most? Why?*

- *How do babies show it when they are interested in something and how does this contribute to their relationships with others?*

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