

nurturing the best possible start

Video Specific Discussion Questions



Born to Communicate - Chapter Five

Communication Matters

Categories of questions:



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

- Do people tend to use a different tone of voice when speaking to a very young baby?
- Is it ever too early to talk to a baby?
- Does nurturing have a role in language development?
- Hearing language from early in life helps a baby learn. True of false?
- Do children understand more language than they can produce?



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

- Have you seen a case where a parent's intuition/concern about their child's language acquisition was found to be correct when they took the child for evaluation?
- Have you ever pointed and named objects to a baby as a way to help them learn language? How did the baby respond?
- Is it normal for different babies to learn language at different rates?
- Have you experienced a baby responding better (or worse) when you changed your tone of voice? How did this work?
- How have you played with babies in a way that felt like communication?



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

- There is a long tradition of reading to babies. Why do you think this is the case?
- As babies get older, how might you modify your language to communicate better with them?
- Describe nurturing activities that help with infant development.
- What role do you think play has in communicating with a baby?
- What are some ways a community can help with raising a baby?

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