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Video Specific Discussion Questions



Born to Communicate - Chapter One

How Do Babies Learn Language?

Categories of questions:



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

- *Can babies hear in the womb?*
- *Do newborns recognize the voices they heard before birth?*
- *Can you have a conversation with a baby?*
- *Is a crying baby talking to you?*
- *Do babies experience emotions?*

APPLICATION

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

- *How have babies responded when you have sung to them?*
- *Have you ever observed anything that made you think a baby was listening while sleeping?*
- *What is it like when a baby responds to your emotions?*
- *Can you describe a moment with a newborn when you felt you were having a conversation?*
- *Do you believe that most people, including babies, understand more words than they can produce? Why do you believe this?*



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

- *Why do you think it is important to comfort a crying baby with kind words and cuddles?*
- *What kind of emotional environment do you think would increase the opportunities for babies to learn language?*
- *Babies in a quiet, alert state are most receptive to learning. What can you do to create those moments?*
- *We know that the early months of life are very important for language learning. How does parenting “trial and error” contribute to this?*
- *How might a preschool be designed to enhance language acquisition for toddlers?*

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