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First 50 Words to Model for Late Talkers

Practical, high-value words to say over and over

When a toddler is slow to talk, the words we model matter. Focus on useful, motivating words your child hears and needs all day - not colors and the ABCs. Say them often, in real moments, and keep it fun.

NOTICE	TRY	BUILD	CONNECT	GROW

People	**mama, dada, baby, grandma, names, mine**
Favorites & food	**milk, water, banana, cookie, more, eat, cup**
Action words (the key to sentences)	**go, up, down, open, stop, help, run, jump, wash**
Playtime	**ball, car, book, bubbles, blocks, again, my turn**
Social words	**hi, bye, please, uh-oh, no, yes, night-night**
How to model them Say the word as it happens, keep it to one word, repeat five-plus times	**Don't quiz ("what's this?") - just narrate naturally**

Parent tip: Start small. Pick one idea that fits your family, practice it consistently, and build from there.