

# LANGUAGE DURING THE HOLIDAYS



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The holidays are a time for fun, family and making memories. It's a great time to establish new and old traditions. This creates great opportunities for kiddos to learn through routines! Here are some quick tips to encourage language during your next holiday!

**Practice greetings!** You can practice saying your holiday greetings at home with your child's favorite toys. All greetings, not just holidays ones, are the starting point for our communication interactions. It's always fun to practice in silly voices or with silly faces!



**Sing songs!** Songs, especially repetitive ones, are great for introducing new language. Once your child is familiar with songs, you can try switching up the lyrics to incorporate new words or actions for your child to imitate.



**Go through it step by step!** Whether playing a game, opening presents, decorating, or starting a new tradition talk through each step of the process. Model using sequencing vocabulary, "first, next, then and last".

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