

Typical Conversations With Our Toddler

Description

At almost 22 months old (seriously, time, just stop for a change), our toddler daughter seems to increase her vocabulary every day. Not that itâ€™s a big surprise with how much time we spend reading to her as well as her reading by herself.



Reading usually occurs sans animals, but Nanaâ€™s dog was adamant about sticking around for the ending.

I figured I would share some of the typical conversations we have with Avery at this stage in her toddler career. Obviously, they are less like conversations and more like us asking a lot of different questions with one syllable, hard to distinguish answers. Or just going through asking what noise *insert animal* makes.

When she's getting fussy and we can't figure out why or it's just because she wants us to give her something she can't have, we'll bust out with the [animal sound questions](#):

- Us: What does the kitty say?
- Avery: La (sometimes it's more of a *meow*, but not quite yet)
- Us: What does the owl say?
- Avery: Who-who
- Us: Ummm, what does the dog say?
- Avery: ruff
- Us: How about the pig?
- Avery: *very soft snorting noise* I'm not sure how to spell out
- Avery: *getting fussy again*
- Us: Uhhh...what does the bear say?
- Avery: rooaarrrr <"[cutest thing ever](#)"

Just recently, when we're changing her and just took off her pajamas, she gets upset if she's not wearing a shirt.

- Avery: Shit, shit, shit
- Us: What?
- Avery: *pointing at our shirt* Shit!
- Us: Oh, you want a shirt?
- Avery: Yesshh
- Us: Okay, what color do you want?
- Avery: Pink (this was the first color she could say, so it's always her first color question response)
- Us: Would you like this green one with the Ninja Turtles?
- Avery: Yesshh
- Us: We'll put it on right after changing your diaper. What color diaper do you want?
- Avery: Pink
- Us: How about this one, what color is it?
- Avery: Pink...bluuuuuee
- Us: Yes, good job dear! You're so smart!
- Avery: I smaahht

And then, quite often, there are times where it's just a drawn out guessing game. She's fussy and only getting worse by the second:

- Avery: Uh, ugh, ugh...bla
- Us: What do you want sweetie?
- Avery: bla baaa, laa
- Us: I don't understand what that is, dear. Do you want another book?
- Avery: nnnn, bla bla baaa

- Us: Still don't know, does something hurt?
- Avery: *reaching up but not really towards anything* blaaa laaa
- Us: *finally realizing we think* Oh, you want water?
- Avery: Yesshhhhh

So apparently "W"s are hard to pronounce right now. No worries, we have plenty of time to learn. Since a toddler is usually around the ages of one and three, I see follow-up posts in our future, and maybe by then she'll at least have "water" down.

There are plenty of other "conversations" we have with Avery in a day, but these seem to be the most frequent so far. But with a constantly growing list of words she can say, including *high chair*, *bear*, *book*, *swing*, *slide*, *mow*, *squats*, *shorts*, *mom*, *glasses*, *phone*, *trash*, *pig*, *squash*, and most of the primary colors, our talks are sure to get more interesting. Oh yeah, she started saying *No*, which is already proving to be a problem. Apparently for the both of us!



What are your little ones saying right now or what did they say when they were toddlers?

Any plans for the weekend?

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