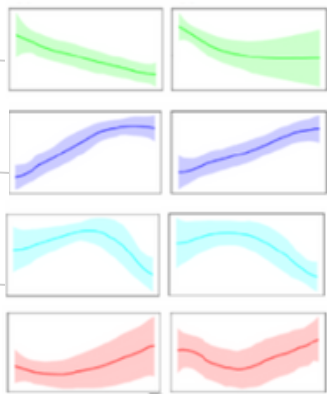




Fall

Rise

Hill

Valley

Click to listen to the sentence "Alex do you want to play?" in four pitch variations!

Researchers found that the "hill" pitch was the best at grabbing children's attention, while the "valley" pitch was the worst! Speak in a "hill" pitch (low-high-low) to maximize a child's learning of new words!

Nencheva, Piazza &
Lew-Williams, 2020

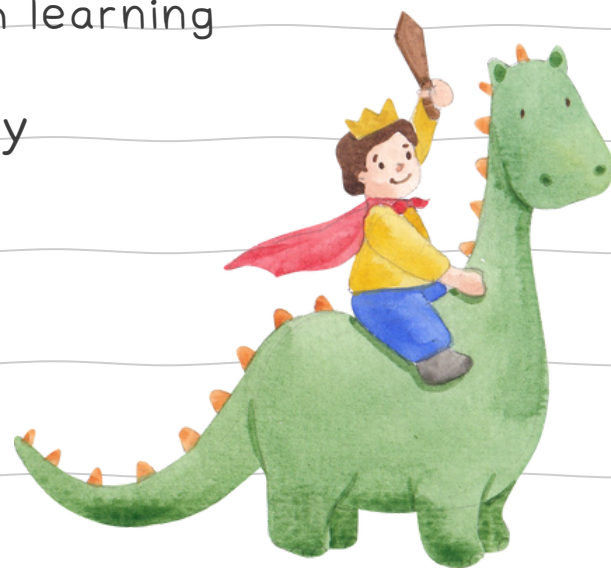
Did you know changing the way you speak can help your infant learn new words?

Saying choo-choo instead of train or teeny-weeny instead of tiny is called

"infant-directed speech". It has predictable rhythm, syllable repetition, and usually ends with an "ee" sound. Hearing this type of speech has been found to make it easier for infants to separate sentences into words, which helps with learning new words!

~~tiny...~~
~~dog~~
~~stomach~~
~~train~~

teeny-weeny
doggy
tummy
choo-choo



Ota, Davies-Jenkins &
SKarabelda, 2018