



Watching Teletubbies

Here are some of the ways that Teletubbies enriches the learning experiences of young children:

Uses Comedy to Stimulate Thinking

When a child laughs at Teletubbies, you can be sure that he or she is following the story and, more importantly, making sense of what is happening on-screen.

Encourages Speech

The Teletubbies' speech is based upon the first words of children aged one year to eighteen months. Response testing shows that children treat them a little bit like younger siblings, calling out to correct them or telling them what to do.

Encourages Listening

Teletubbies "stop and listen" whenever they hear the narrator. When a voice trumpet appears the Teletubbies focus all of their attention on it, drawing the child to listen to a special story, rhyme or sound.

Teaches through Repetition

In Teletubbyland, things happen again and again, giving a child time to discover patterns of cause and effect, allowing a child to anticipate what will happen next.

Promotes Affection

Teletubbies love each other very much. They love big hugs best of all.

Here are some tips for watching Teletubbies with your child:

Teletubbies is designed to be a "conversation" - with enough time provided to the audience to respond before moving the action forward. If you watch Teletubbies by yourself you only get half the conversation. But if you are lucky enough to be watching with a small child, they provide the other half.

Watch Together

Many parents and caregivers find their children's reactions to Teletubbies difficult to understand. Watching the program along with your child will help you appreciate what it is they love about the show!

Laugh Together

You will have more fun if you watch your child watching Teletubbies! Their laughter is a sign of their understanding of what is going on on-screen.

Interact Together

Encourage your child to interact with the television - wave, clap, and join in with familiar songs and rhymes and catchphrases.

Guess Together

Encourage your child to guess what will happen next, and celebrate their success.

Enjoy Together

Most of all, ENJOY your shared time together!

Here are some helpful simple Teletubby translations:

The Teletubbies speak a playful language based upon the early speech of young children. To babies and small children this language is familiar and carries with it the same meanings as normal language does to adults. Language is another medium for play for children, and they enjoy playing with the Teletubby language as much as anything else!

Eh-oh! - Hello!

Uh-oh! - Something's gone wrong!

Big Hug! - Teletubbies love each other very much and the Big Hug is an expression of that love.

Again! Again! - Teletubbies love to see things happen over and over, just like the young children watching at home!