

Here are 10 things to say to a toddler instead of "What is that?"

Name the item	Look, it's a ball!
Add a describing word	That ball is <i>big</i> ! (adding big arms)
Add an action	That's a ball it <i>rolls</i> ! (add a gesture)
Add a function	That's a ball you <i>throw</i> it!
Add a pronoun	That's <i>your</i> ball. This is <i>my</i> ball! (point to your toddler and yourself)
Add a quantity	You have one ball!
Give a compliment	I like that ball!
State a fact	I have a ball too! See?
Start a game	Let's play with your ball!
Make a fun noise	That ball goes boing, boing boing!
	Dolling: