

Ten Tips When Teaching Your Parrot to Talk

1. In the same room as your parrot, hold a 3 to 4 minute conversation with someone about the particular word. For instance, if you want your parrot to say "toy," have a conversation with someone about a specific toy. Make sure to place significant importance on the word "toy." When your parrot finally says the word, reward him with the toy.
2. Hold your parrot in front of your mouth when you first begin teaching. This ensures your parrot's attention.
3. Do not let your parrot hear sounds or words that you do not want him or her to mimic.
4. When with your bird and interacting with it, talk to your bird and explain what you are doing. If you are walking, tell your bird you are walking. If you are cleaning the house, tell your bird you are cleaning.
5. Over enunciate your consonants.
6. Don't begin teaching new words until your first word is mastered.
7. Always reward your parrot when he or she mimics you.
8. Play recordings of words you want your bird to learn. Keep the recording time below 15 minutes because you don't want your parrot to become bored.
9. Use an excited tone of voice when teaching your parrot words you want him or her to know.
10. Make the teachings a game. Peek a boo is a great beginner.

