



Play Talk and Business Talk

How are they different?

Play talk...

Is a back-and-forth conversation between parent and child.

Business talk...

Is started by parents and is not a “conversation.”

Play talk...

Encourages children to be curious, creative, and sometimes silly.

Business talk...

Is usually serious.

Play talk...

Offers choices and asks questions.

Business talk...

Is mostly statements and orders.

Play talk...

Includes talk about the past, future, and using imagination.

Business talk...

Is mostly short and to the point, and focuses on here and now.
