

Are You a Babbling Bug?

Babbling Bug loved to babble. Sometimes she babbled too much and she would forget what she had been talking about. That wouldn't stop her, though; she would simply move on to the next thought that entered her mind and keep right on babbling.

"Chitter-chatter, jibber-jabber..." Babbling Bug not only loved to hear herself talk, but she also liked it when people would stop what they were doing to listen to her. Sometimes she would see how long she could keep talking before someone stopped her!



Soon, however, she noticed that her friends were not coming around to play with her as often. "When we come over to play, you talk so much that we aren't able to say anything in return," her best friend Lilly Ladybug had whispered to her only yesterday.

Babbling Bug asked her mother for advice. "I love to talk. Is that bad?"

"No! It's not bad, but your friends also like to talk," her mother explained. "You need to give them a chance to be heard. Perhaps make sure that you are listening just as much as you are talking—that would give your friends time to chime in. Also, try to think about what you will say before you talk. That way, you'll be sure to say something that will benefit others."



The very next day, Babbling Bug visited Lilly Ladybug, and she made sure to listen as well as talk. She found out that Lilly had many interesting things to say, and she enjoyed hearing what her friend thought. As a result, both friends had a great time together!

When you always have something to say, other people don't get the chance to contribute to the conversation. You'll learn more, and keep your friends happy too, if you listen as much as you talk. The next time you are with your friends, make sure that others are getting a chance to speak as well!

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