

Laura and the Watch



At the table after eating, everybody is very happy. This children play with each other and “talk.” Taking advantage of this tranquility, I offer to Laura a big catalog full of images and I encourage her to flip through it. Whiel she is doing that she is very intent, she never takes her eyes off the images, and she goes through these images with interest. When she turns the page, her movements are very careful and refined.



I do not interfere so as not to disturb her because she is so intent. I watch her. She points to the images of men and women, saying quietly the words “mommy” and “daddy.”



In front of a line of watches, she looks at me; go closer and look at them with her.



I tell her, "They are watches," and I show her the one on my wrist.



I put it close to her ear so she can hear the tick-tock. She listens for a long time, intent, then she moves her ear away, pulls her head up, goes back to the images, stares at them again, and then with confidence...



...puts her ear next to the page.