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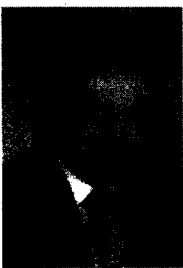
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# TRUCK!

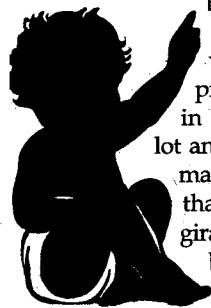
"TRUCK!" my son shouted, pointing to an ad on the back of the paper for the new Chevy Silverado.

Truck this, truck that—"truck" is by far his favorite word. In the eyes of Sam, everything is a truck—a car, a lawnmower, a sled, a train, a school bus, a golf cart, even our vacuum cleaner that he tries to ride while shouting, you guessed it, "TRUCK!"

There is something to these male hormones, much more than I ever gave them credit for. My apologies to you for having doubted your powers, Hormones.

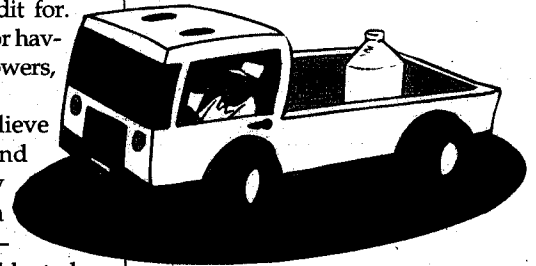
You may not believe me, but my husband and I did absolutely nothing to teach him this word. I mean it—nada. Zilch. He just blurted it out in traffic one day and has been repeating it ever since. My husband wasn't even there at the time.

In fact, we've been pushing safari animals on him since birth—lions, elephants and giraffes. Even his room is decorated in a Noah's Ark theme, right down to the valance in his window. We have a family membership to the zoo where he would much prefer to stay in the parking lot and admire the many trucks than feed the giraffes with his bare hands.



We are fortunate enough to have a wonderful new playground within walking distance of our house. It even has a wooden pirate ship to play on, complete with gangplank!

But no... Within minutes of arrival, Sam always totters out the gate and makes his way with his short plodding steps toward the construction site hidden by trees across the street. "TRUCK!" he shouts, pointing yonder at the diggers, dump trucks, rollers and bulldozers working away.



If you had predicted this to me even a few short months ago, I never would have believed it. Heck, I used to worry that he would end up wanting to wear lipstick due to my feminine influence. Not to worry—there are far too many trucks on this planet to admire. Now instead of putting on lipstick at traffic lights like I used to, I find myself far too preoccupied. "TRUCK!" I shout, pointing. **RPM**

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