

Commenting and asking fewer questions



How do I do it?

Comment on the toy/ object that your child is looking at it

Comment on what they are doing as they do it.

Try to avoid asking questions

Use simple language

Make sure there is no pressure on your child; they don't need to respond to or repeat any of the words that you've said.

Why should I do it?

Your child might not have the words needed to answer the questions that they are being asked.

Commenting gives your child the words that they can use while playing.

Ideas

Playdoh



Instead of asking your child what they are doing, comment on or describe (e.g. 'squeeze', 'roll, roll, roll' or 'push' 'you're pushing it').

Comment on about what your child is making instead of asking them, 'Yummy' 'a circle' 'round and round'

Toy Food



Comment on what they are doing instead of asking them (e.g. 'mix, mix' or 'stirring cake' 'eating apple' 'crunch')

Give describing words while pretending to eat what they've made (e.g. 'yummy', 'mmmm, delicious', 'slurp')