

Adding words

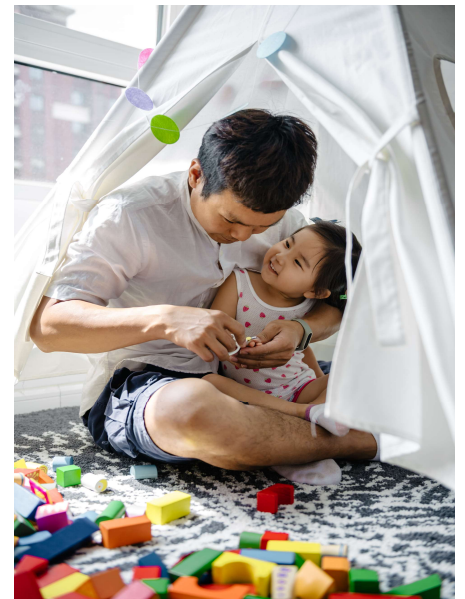
Why should I do it?

This helps your child communicate more about what they are interested in by giving them new words and showing how to put words together to make sentences.

Adding just one more word at a time makes it easier for your child to understand and learn new words -- this is **simple language**.

How do I do it?

1. **Wait** for your child to start their play or start talking.
Listen to what your child is saying.
2. Look at the table and examples below. Think about **how many words** your child is already using.
3. **Repeat and add one new word** to what they say during play.
4. Try to add different types of words to what your child says. For example, if your child says "cat", you could say "big cat", "soft cat", "white cat", "cat's sleeping", "hungry cat".



<u>Child</u> says	<u>You</u> say or do	Example
Nothing or only a sound	Add a real word to comment on what child is doing or focused on	Playing with toy cars Child: vroom You: vroom vroom car!
One word	Repeat it and add another word	Snack time: Eating a banana Child: <i>Banana</i> You: <i>Peel banana</i>
Short sentence	Repeat it and add in words to make the sentence clearer	Story time Child: Mouse eat You: Mouse <i>is eating</i>

