



Commenting and asking fewer questions

Why should I do it?

Your child might not know the right words to answer some questions. By commenting on what they are doing, you can give them the words they can use while playing.

How do I do it?

1. During special time, remember to **follow your child's lead**.
2. **Talk about** what your child is looking at, and what they are doing using **simple language** (commenting).
3. Try **not** to ask **questions** and **don't tell your child to copy** you. This might make your child feel pressured.



What does simple language look like?

Consider using short, clear words and phrases that your child can understand. For example, instead of; "We're building a tall tower" you might say, "building", "more blocks", "tall tower". This helps your child follow along and engage more easily in play. Find out more by reading through our "Adding words" leaflet.

Ideas!

Tea time

If your child is feeding their dollies some tea, you could say lots of different things, such as, "mmm, tea", "drinking", "thirsty dolly!", "yummy tea".



Train

If your child plays with the "train", you could say, "big train", "fast train", "the train is going"..

