

# Interpret and Extend

Interpret is when we look and listen carefully, so we can 'work out' what your child is trying to say, and then give them the words as if they would if they could. Extend simply means adding a word or two to what they said.



## Interpret: your child might...

- Reach for something they want
- Look at a toy
- Make noises
- Babble
- Cry
- Change their facial expression
- Say or attempt to use words

... you can then say what they would if they could.

## Extend: You could...

- Add another word, for example if the child says "apple", you could say "**crunchy** apple"
- Put their word(s) into a sentence, for example, if your child says "no go park". You could say "**let's go to the park**"

Try it out and see how it goes...

What did you do..

*(for example: I noticed that Hassan reached out to grab more apple , so I said "more apple")*

How did this help your child?

*(for example: Hassan looked up when I said more apple. This will help him to learn new words")*