

Less Questions, More Comments

Questions are a useful way to get information from your child. But when it comes to learning language, commenting and talking about what your child is doing takes away some of the pressure of answering questions. Instead of asking a question, think about our top tips below...



Describe...

Use short simple comments to describe what your child is looking.

Expand...

If your child is confidently using one word, repeat this and add a word. For example if they say "apple", you can say "Mummy's apple", or "crunchy apple".

Explain...

Talk about what's happening in the here and now. For example, when you're out shopping, talk about what you are putting in your basket.

Repeat...

Repeat what your child says to show them that you are listening. Repeat key words during play too, this will help your child to learn new words.

Try it out and see how it goes...

What did you do..

(for example: instead of asking Johnny what colour his car is, I said "Wow a red car")

How did this help your child?

(for example: Johnny copied me and said "red car")