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‘Helping my child to talk: Turn questions into comments’
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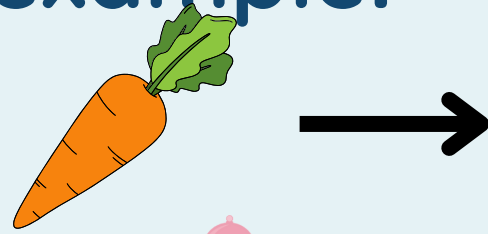
8. Turn questions into comments

Small-world play

Turning questions into comments takes practice.

Play is a great time to practice using more comments and fewer questions. For example:

Instead of "What's that?"



"a carrot, yummy carrot!"

Instead of "what's this?"



→ "you're pouring tea.
Thanks for the tea"

Picture books

It can be tempting to ask lots of questions when looking at pictures together.

Instead, use at least 3 or 4 comments for every question to keep the chat flowing. Show interest in what your child is looking at or talking about by commenting on it:



"look a lion"



"the lion says.....rawrrrrr"

Colouring/ drawing/ painting

Arts & crafts are great for practicing commenting. Comment on their artwork, even if you're not fully sure what it is!!

Comments show that you are interested and encourage a response:

"Lots of pretty colours!"

"Your drawing is big...my drawing is small"

