



Just enough help

How much help does your child need? You can help *just enough*. This is called "scaffolding."

When you help your child just enough, until he can do an activity on his own, you are scaffolding.

You scaffold when you:

Give a hint.

*"You wrote the letter **b**. Do you know what sound it makes? What color is your shirt? Yes, it's b-blue. The letter **b** makes a **buh** sound."*

Show your child how to find answers.

"Where do we live? Well, let's look. A globe shows the whole world, and we can find where we live."

Provide answers to choose from.

"What is that? Remember when we saw the big trucks and the construction workers? There was a dump truck, a cement mixer, a bulldozer...You're right! That's a cement mixer."



Help = Scaffolding



When you help children *build on a skill they already have*, you are scaffolding their learning.

Let your child do as much as possible. *Soon she will be able to do it on her own!*