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WAYS TO EXPAND ON PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S WORDS

Expanding on children's words is a meaningful way to extend conversations with children in the classroom. Here are several key ways you can extend a conversation by expanding on what children say.

Expand on children's words to scaffold language.

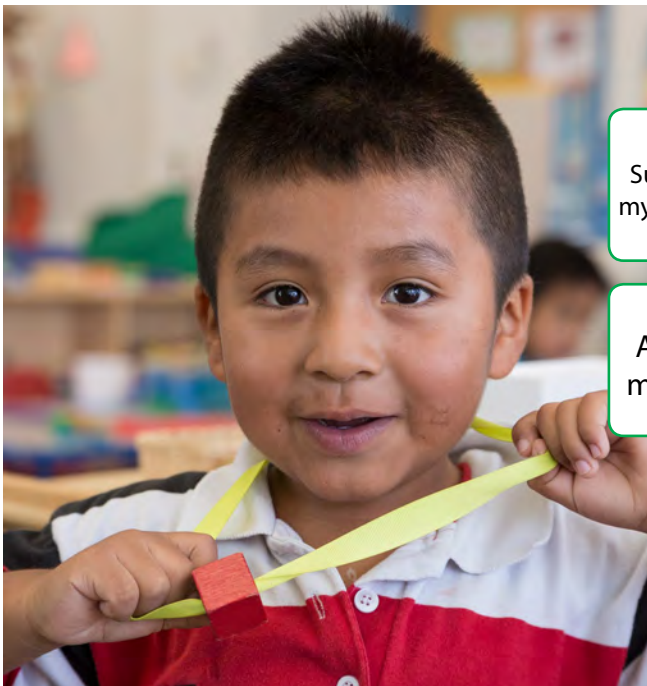


Make my phrase more complete.

Make my phrase more complex.

Add novel and interesting words.

Expand to give children more information about what they are doing or talking about.



Summarize my thoughts.

Relate to my life.

Link to prior knowledge.

Relate to my actions.

Apply to my world.

Explain thinking.

Connect concepts.

Invite me to think.