



Questions that lead to thinking

What did you and your child do today?

Visit grandma? Shop for groceries? Play together? These are all good times to talk! But do you often get one-word answers like “Yes” and “No?”

Try this idea to get longer answers. Ask a question. Then WAIT. Give your child time to think... and then respond.

Ask your child to:

Describe.

*“What do you see?”
“What do you hear?”*

Explain.

“Why do you think that?”

Connect.

“Has something like that ever happened to you?”

Predict.

“What do you think will happen next?”



When you talk together and think together in English or your home language, you help your child build language and social skills. You help your child get ready for school!

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