

MAKING COMMENTS



A comment is a remark or observation. Use at least 3 comments for every question. Make comments about what you see, hear, taste, smell and feel. Limit questions such as “What’s this?” especially if you already know the answer!

Questions can put the child on the defensive and can lead to the child saying or doing less, rather than more. Using too many questions provides fewer opportunities for your child to imitate words.

INSTEAD OF:
“WHAT COLOUR IS
YOUR SHIRT?”

TRY
“YOU HAVE A
BLUE SHIRT!”

You can either do this through self-talk or parallel talk:

Self-talk: Talk about what you are doing out loud. Studies show children who hear more words every day have a larger vocabulary when they start school. Use self-talk during every day activities.

Parallel-talk: Talk out loud about what your child is doing. Use short sentences to talk about what they see, smell and feel. Name things, describe things and emphasise action words. You can act like a sports commentator for what your child is doing.

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