

Gaining Shared Attention

"I can see you're really concentrating on..."

"You have noticed something interesting!"

"I wonder what..."

"You chose to use the..."

"Show me what happens next."

Responding to a Child

"That was a good idea because..."

"You kept trying even though it was tricky."

"I noticed you changed your plan."

"I can see you have... (link to skills)"

"You look proud of what you have achieved"

Expanding Language

Add key vocabulary to children's language e.g.

"big tower" "it is a tall and sturdy tower"

"You are investigating..."

"You predicted that..."

"That material is transparent/waterproof"

"It collapsed because..."

STAIRS to Scaffold

"You have made a great start, what do you think we need to do next?"

"You said that..., so..."

"Our goal is... First we could..."

"I can see you are..."

"Remember when we did something like this before..."

Promoting Conversation

Rather than saying...

"What shape is that?"

Adults may say:

"I wonder what made your tower sturdy..."

or

"Can you tell me more about your repeating pattern?"

Sustained Shared Thinking

"What do you think might happen if..."

"Can you explain your idea to me? You have already..."

"I wonder how you could solve that problem..."

"This reminds me when we..."

"Have you seen something like this before?"

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