

# COMMENT

## (avoid asking questions)

We often ask too many questions and this stops conversation instead of keeping it going.

### TRY ...

- Asking fewer questions
- Turning a question into a comment
- Talking about what you or your child is doing



Instead of asking: "What's that?", You could say: "Look, **apple**, yummy **apple**."



Instead of asking: "Is this car going up?", You could say: "**Car** goes up. Up, **car**, up!"



Instead of asking: "Are those your blocks?", You could say: "Wow, you're playing with **blocks**. I want to play with blocks too."

### TRY ...

- **Label** new words instead of testing whether your child knows the word
- Ask questions when only you really need to find out information (e.g., "Where are mommy's keys?")

Using too many questions provides fewer opportunities for your child to imitate words.

### How to connect with support:

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children's Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

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