## Expansion



Add more words to your child's message to show them how language works!

## How does it work?



Label what your child is looking at or talking about. Model a full sentence or question, use synonyms, and add a comment to extend their expressive language.

## Why do we do it?

- Build's your child's auditory memory skills.
- Helps foster complexity of language, vocabulary growth, and conversational skills.

## **Example Scenarios:**



Child: "Baby cry"

Parent: "I hear the baby crying. Maybe she is hungry.



Child: "My train is blue"

Parent: "Your large train is blue with tiny black wheels."



Infant: coos and reaches for book.

Parent: "Yes, let's read your favorite book about the gorilla at the zoo."



Child: "The plant get bigger."

Parent: "Yes, the plant grew taller by three inches."