

Expectant Look

Give your child a non-verbal cue to indicate that it's their turn to respond.

How does it work?



Lean in, make eye contact, and wait for your child's response. You can nod or gesture to encourage them. If you're looking at something together, glance between the object and child to show what you'd like them to respond to.

Why do we do it?



Helps build your child's attention to the speaker, develop turn-taking skills, and expand expressive language.



Although this is a non-verbal cue, it's a valuable tool to help children learn social communication skills.

Tips for success



This strategy goes hand-in-hand with the Wait Time strategy.



As your child's language grows, using an expectant look can cue your child that you are engaged in the conversation or looking for more information.



This will in turn encourage longer utterances and expand your child's expressive language without the need to model and interrupt their thought process.