

Building Sentences // Age 3 - 4



Model Language by giving a running commentary of activities within the setting.

Talk to children about what they are doing, for example when they are playing, for example ‘ You are giving teddy something to eat’. This will help the words make more sense and help the child to learn language. It will also show them the kinds of sentences they could use in their own play.

Talk about what adults and other children are doing within the setting.

For example:

“Miss Clarke is reading the story today she is sitting on the blue chair.”

“Sarah is kicking the ball to Henry, they are playing football.”



Looking at books

Books with ‘busy’ pictures (such as the First 1000 words books) provide good opportunities to practice simple sentences. Take turns to describe something that is happening in the picture, then the other person has to find it, e.g. ‘The girl is jumping on the boy’s sandcastle’