



Commenting & Labeling with Children Who Use Words

Ideas for Describing, Naming, and Talking During Activities



Play

- While playing with sand, notice how children are playing and using the sand tools, and describe the activities that you see. *"You're pouring the sand in the bowl." "The sand feels cool on my fingers."*
- During play, comment on children's activities and describe what you are doing together. *"You're filling up the bucket!" "We're making music on the drum!"*
- During finger painting, label colors and describe what you see. *"Alex is using a lot of green." "That's a big tree." "You're mixing all the colors together."*
- While outside, describe children's actions. *"You're climbing so high." "You run so fast!"*



Daily Routines

- During transitions, such as going from lunch to nap, describe what children are doing. *"Tyler is all ready for nap." "Maria put all her toys away."*
- Before and during meals, name the foods children will be eating, comment on children's interests, and describe food as they eat. *"We're having noodles and apples." "Sierra finished her apples." "Rabbits like to eat carrots, too."*
- During clean up, comment on what children are doing. *"Thank you for putting all the animals in the box." "Devin, you picked up all the puzzle pieces."*
- While dressing or diapering, name body parts. Point to a child's knees and say, *"Here are your knees."* If a child points to a body part, label it. *"You found your toes."*



Books

- When looking at books, describe what is going on in the story. Describe the actions of the characters or what the pictures show.
- Label the colors, shapes, and sizes you find in books. Look for opportunities to compare objects. *"That's a yellow sun." "That house is big and the mouse is so small."*
- As you look at books together, label the characters' actions or feelings or name objects you see in pictures. *"The cat is sleeping on a bed." "She looks happy!" "There's the dump truck."*

Comment & Label

Describe, name, or talk about a child's actions, activities, toys, or materials.

