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Speech and Language Strategy of the Month: **March**

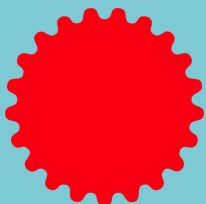


Ask Fewer Questions

Why? Too many questions or instructions can feel like a test, take away the fun and make children less likely to talk. Commenting instead takes the pressure off and keeps them more engaged. It also helps them learn language naturally by hearing it in context.

How? Instead of asking, “What colour is this?” say, “You have the red block!” Or instead of directing, “Put the car here,” comment, “Your car is going so fast!” This keeps the conversation natural and encourages learning without forcing a response.

When? Use this approach anytime—during play, meals, or daily routines. Simply observe what your child is doing and talk about it. The more you model language this way, the more they’ll learn!



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