

Strategy Spotlight Sheet: Commenting Instead of Questioning

What It Is

Commenting means saying something about what your child is doing, seeing, or feeling—without asking a question. It’s like “narrating” their world in a simple way.

Why It Helps

Too many questions can feel overwhelming, especially when a child is just learning to communicate. Comments (as opposed to questions) are low-pressure and give your child a chance to focus, listen, and join in when they’re ready.

Try It Out

- Instead of saying “What’s that?” you could say “That’s a big truck!”
- While stacking blocks, say “Up, up, up!”
- At snack time, comment “Yummy banana” or “More cracker.”

Next Steps

- Try to balance questions with comments—aim for three comments to every one question.
- Notice if your child responds more when you **describe** instead of **ask**.
- Tell your SLP what you’re noticing. Keep building your “commenting habit.”

Notes:
