

TIPS

Therapy Insights for Parents

A strategy to improve language development during everyday routines.

Expansion & Extension

Expansion: taking what a child says and adding missing words and/or correcting grammatical errors, using their same words and implied meaning.

Example:

- Child says: Car fast.
- SLP/Caregiver expands: The car is driving fast.

Extension: taking what a child says and adding more or new information when responding back.

Example:

- Child says: Baby eat.
- SLP/Caregiver extends: Yes, the baby is hungry.

Benefits: grammar, vocabulary, syntax, comprehension, context clues, and child may imitate/repeat back what they hear.

When to use:

- Natural settings
- Daily routines
 - On a walk
 - Preparing a meal
 - Story time
 - Floor play
 - Getting dressed

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