ADD ON!

Children give us the opportunity to introduce new language each time they communicate with us. Adding on is a specific way to respond to children's communication, by adding on to what they communicated.

Adding words on to what a child says helps them learn to make sentences out of the words they already know, learn new vocabulary, and build stronger sentences.

Replace children's general words with more specific language

If a child says... You could say...

"That" while reaching for a blanket

"Blanket"

"There" while pointing

"On the plate"

to their plate

Turn children's words into a sentence

<u>If a child says...</u> <u>You could say...</u>

"Go" "The cars are going

down!"

"Paint on" "The paint is on your

fingers"

"Eat" "The animals are eating"



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