

How to ask questions to encourage language

Sometimes when kids are reluctant to talk, we ask more questions to encourage a response. BUT questions can put our kids on the spot and work the opposite way we intend them to. Instead, try turning questions in to comments.

Keeping comments short means our kids might be able to copy the phrases they hear and feel more willing to participate.

Save questions for moments when you don't know the answer! For example, "What colour car would you like to play with?" rather than question when you do know the answer, such as "Is that a car?".

Sometimes an "I wonder..." statement can help reduce the pressure while still inviting our kids to participate (I wonder what this is..., I wonder if that car is fast or slow..., etc).

Consider trying these tips while working on your Dream Big! Vision boards.