

Help develop children's language by adding words and ideas to what they say. When you respond to what a child says by making their sentence more complete, or by adding a new idea, you model more advanced language that they can learn from. Here are some fun things to try:

## Play Time

If you're making holiday crafts such as paper snowflakes with a child, and they say, "Cut snowflake," respond by adding to their message, making it grammatically complete. You could say, "You're cutting a snowflake." The child doesn't need to repeat what you've said; just hearing the grammatically correct sentence will help develop their language.



## Daily Activities

When you're baking for the holidays and the child says, "More icing," expand their message by adding words that are related to what they said. You could say, "Mmmm. More icing makes it extra tasty!" Wait for the child to respond and then respond again, keeping the conversation going.

## On the Go

While on a walk, if the child says an incomplete sentence such as, "Light on," say the grammatically correct sentence back to them. You could say, "Yes, there are lots of pretty lights on that tree." Hearing the grammatically correct sentence helps develop their language.

## Book Reading

When the child makes a comment while reading a book, expand on what they say by adding a new idea. For example, if they say, "He make snowman," you could say, "Yes, he's making a snowman and look! He used a carrot for the nose!"



## Notes

