

BUILDING LANGUAGE BRICK BY BRICK

recast sentences

modeling

self-talk expansion

buildups and breakdowns

parallel talk

extension

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Receptive language** refers to the ability to understand and comprehend language.
- **Expressive language** refers to the ability to use spoken language to communicate thoughts and ideas.



DISCLAIMER

This language strategies handout is designed to provide helpful information and activities for language learning. It is not intended to replace the services of a qualified speech-language pathologist. If you have concerns about your child's communication skills, please contact a speech-language pathologist for an assessment and recommendations for treatment.

RECEPTIVE LANGUAGE STRATEGIES

Self Talk

Adult narrates what they are doing.

Parallel Talk

Adult narrates what the child is doing.

Modeling

Adult gives language input based on the interactions with the child.

Self Talk



This one's for you. I have one and you have one.

I'm stacking the blocks. stack, stack, stack

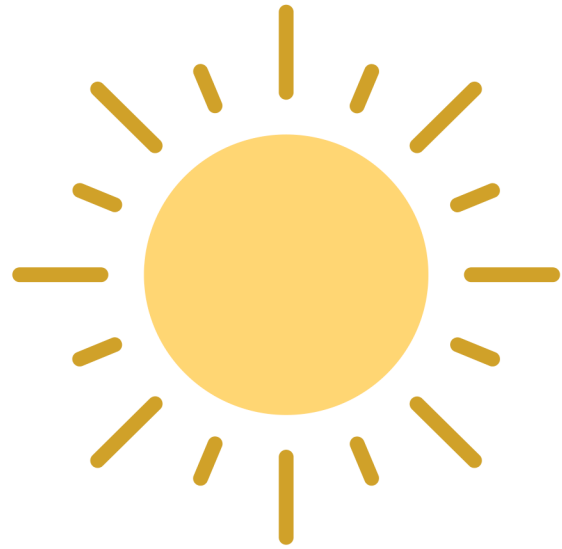
I'm counting, one, two, three, four. Four blocks

I have a pink block. You have a green block

Parallel Talk



Modeling



Spin around!

Spin around!



EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE STRATEGIES

Expansion

Expand on what the child says by making it longer and slightly more complex.

Extension

Add more semantic information to extend utterance.

Expansions



Extensions

Pass it to me!
That is a yellow
ball with dark lines.

Pass!

Kick!



My child...



- is combining words independently
- shows interest in what I am saying
- is making progress

**NOW WHAT?
WHAT MORE CAN I DO?**

Add Complexity

Add complexity (grammar or vocabulary) to language and then break it down to check for understanding.

Recast Sentences

Expand on what the child says by turning it into a different type of sentence.

Add Complexity

I stack up tall.

You're stacking it up so that it's tall. It goes on top.

It goed on top.



Recast Sentences



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Sydney created The Listening SLP in 2019 as a platform to share information freely with families, caregivers, and professionals. Since that time, her platform has gained over 19K followers and supports. Her mission is dedicated to listening, learning, and advocating with families. We are so happy to have you here!