BUILDING LANGUAGE BRICK BY BRICK

recast sentences

modeling

self-talk

expansion

buildups and breakdowns

parallel talk

extension

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **<u>Receptive language</u>** refers to the ability to understand and comprehend language.
- **<u>Expressive language</u>** 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 <u>they</u> are doing.

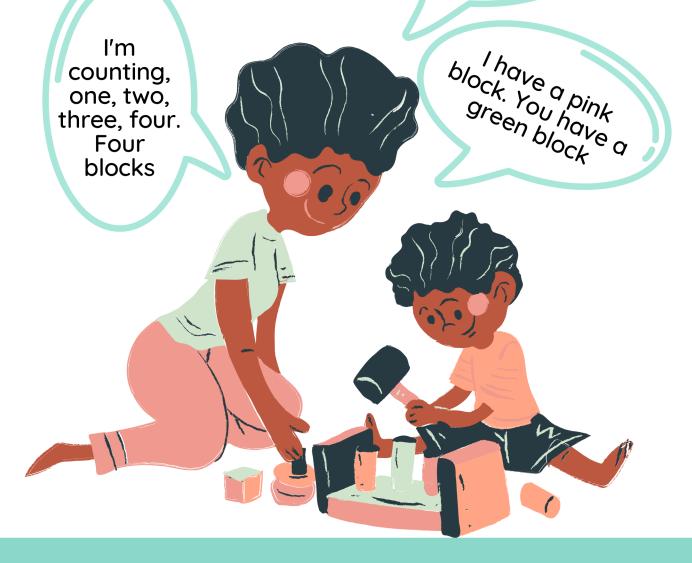**Parallel Talk**   Adult narrates what the <u>child</u> is doing.

Modeling   Adult provides the desired targets.

Parallel Talk

EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE STRATEGIES

Expansion

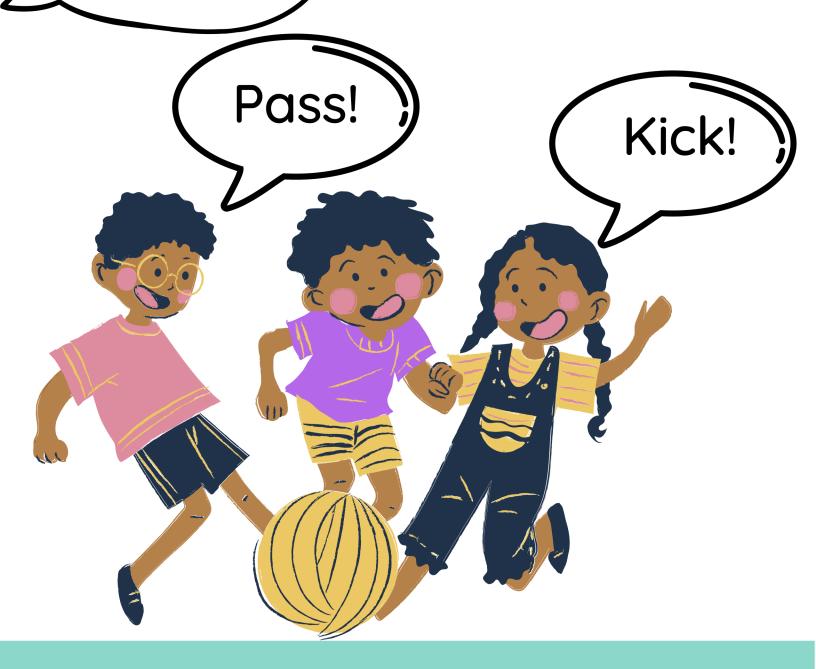Expand on what the child says by making it longer and slightly more complex.

Extension
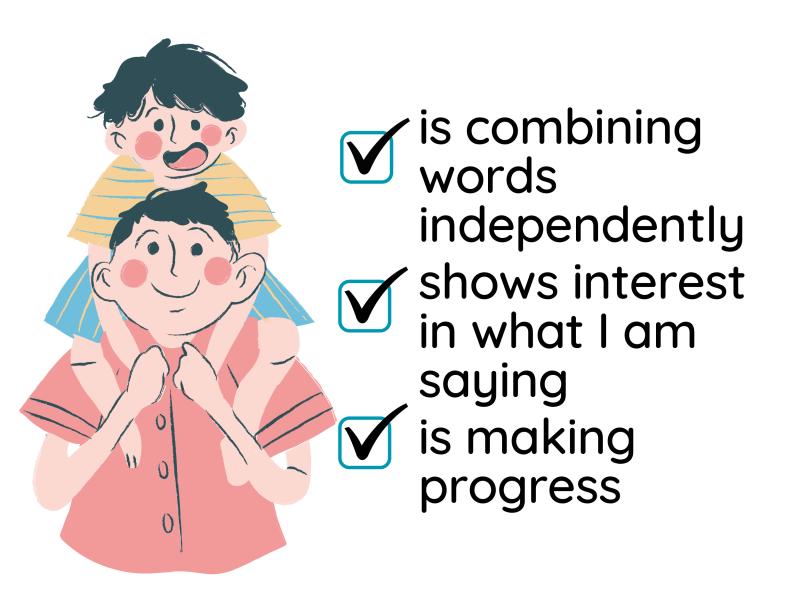
Add more semantic information to extend utterance.

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

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Recast Sentences