

Making Comments

In order to learn new vocabulary and language children need 3 things simultaneously:

- experiences
- adults telling them the words
- repetition

In order to do this adults need to comment (Be Careful With Questions).

To help practice making comments you can use the Hand Graphic.

This strategy is for all language and vocabulary including:

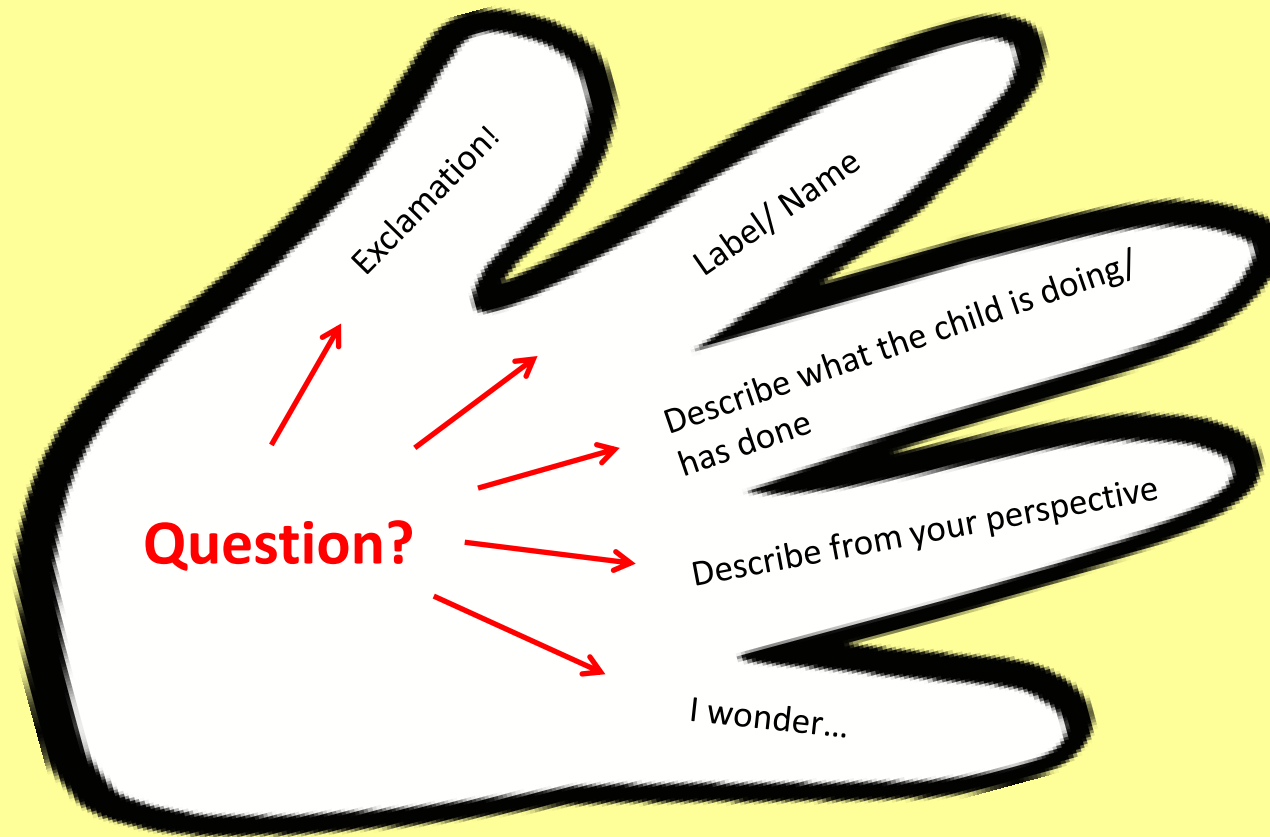
- Numeracy: e.g. 1, 3, 10, more, add, subtract, divide
- Emotional vocabulary: e.g. happy, sad, cross, disappointed, frustrated
- Question words: e.g. what, where, who, when, why, how? – See [Question Steps](#)

When children know the vocabulary and language , you can use a developmentally appropriate questions (see [Questions Steps](#) and [Verbal Reasoning for Abstract Thinking](#))

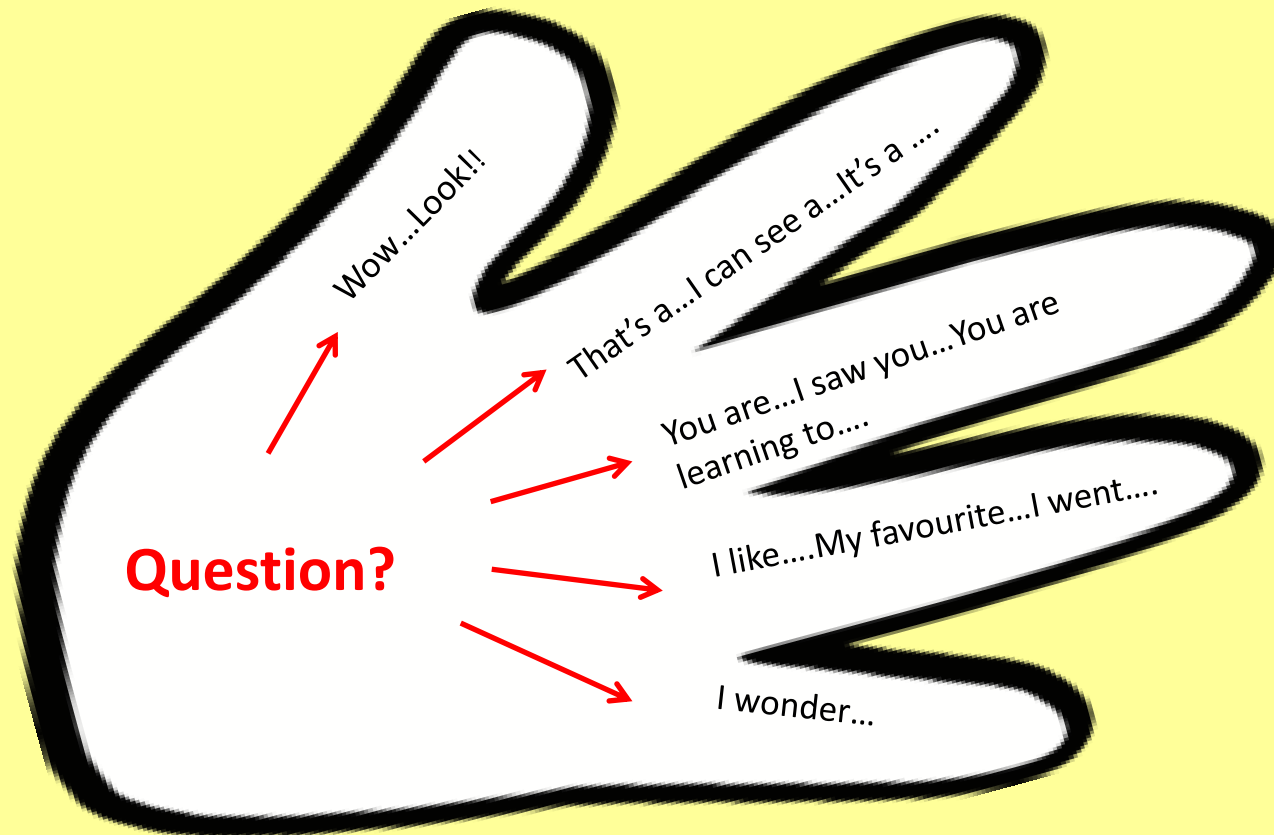
Props, gestures and visuals can be used to highlight new vocabulary.

When children respond or comment, adults can then ‘Copy and Add’ to build on their language and model the next steps.

We can change our questions into comments using the following types of comments....



Try these sentence starters.....



Here's an example.....

