

### **COMMENT...**

# avoid asking questions

## We often ask too many questions and this stops conversation instead of keeping it going. Try to:

- Ask fewer questions
- Turn a question into a comment
  - instead of asking a question, talk about what you or your child is doing ...
  - Instead of asking: "Is this car going up?"
    You could say: "Car goes up."
- Label new words instead of testing whether your child knows the word ...
  - Instead of asking: "What's that?" or "Say apple?"
    You could say: "Look, apple, yummy apple."
- Ask questions when you really need to find out information (e.g., "Where are mommy's keys?")
- Using too many questions provides fewer opportunities for your child to imitate words

### Avoid doing this:

what is this?



#### Do this instead:

look, a car

