

Ideas to support conversation

Role model wide and varied vocabulary to enrich language experiences.

- ✓ Cut down on the amount that you talk.
- ✓ Comment on what students are doing – this is less pressured than asking questions.
- ✓ When students can't think of what to say, help them. For example, if a student wants to join in a game say, "Ben, you could say, 'Can I join in?'".
- ✓ Demonstrate how to say things. Should a student say, "Car blue school", you can continue the conversation by adding, "So you saw a blue car on the way to school".
- ✓ Expand on what students say – this helps them to build longer sentences.
- ✓ Expand students' vocabulary. Instead of saying "Pass me the blue and red container", say "Pass me the colourful container".

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