

Modelling and Expansion

When you expand on what your child says, they aren't expected to repeat it back. They learn simply by listening - hearing the new words or fuller sentences, and later starting to use them on their own.

The Key Idea

You provide a slightly fuller version of what your child said. No pressure to copy it - just let them hear it.

Words:

Mum giving child his yoghurt.

"Mmmmm"

"Mmmm,
more"

Sounds:

A fire engine goes past.

"Look a
pirewengin"

"Oh yes,
a fire
engine!"

Grammar:

A plane flies over.

"Dad, da
plane flided
over"

"Oh,
the plane
flew over!"



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