

Language Development

Expanding First Words



Offering two choices encourages a child to provide a response. Hold the item near your mouth as you say each word. (E.g. *"Milk or water"*)



Try offering a motivating and non-motivating object so that children are rewarded for requesting what they want. (E.g. *"toy or sock... sock or toy"*)



If a child often repeats the last word they hear, swap the word order and repeat the question to help them hear the options



Repeat the process with different words.