

Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre

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Copy & Add

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- Copy what your child says or does and then add an action, sound, or word.
- When you add a word to what your child says, you help them to build their vocabulary and learn new words.
- Adding new words also encourages your child to start putting words together to say short phrases and sentences.



How do I copy and add?

- Watch what your child is interested in and then join in their play.
- Copy the words that they say and then add an action, sound or word to it.
- Try not to ask them to repeat the words after you. Just wait and give them a chance to try.
- Ideas:
 - Your child is playing dress-up and says "dress." You could say, "pretty dress" or "pink dress" or "princess dress."
 - Your child is having a snack and says "apple." You could say "crunchy apple" or "yummy apple" or "sweet apple."
 - Your child is playing with vehicles and says "truck." You could say "fast truck" or "dirty truck" or "broken truck."
 - Your child watches and points to a dog in the park and says "puppy." You could say, "big puppy" or "silly puppy" or "happy puppy."

