

Let's Talk More Everywhere in September - October

MATCH AND ADD A WORD

This is one of the quickest ways to help children use longer sentences.

All you need to do is:

- Listen to what your child says and say it back to them (MATCH)
- Add another word (ADD) like this:

CHILD: "banana" YOU: "peel banana"

CHILD : "shoe" YOU : " shoe off"

CHILD: "look, cat" YOU: "look, cat jumping"

CHILD: "want more" YOU: "want more milk"

CHILD: "where Caitlyn?" YOU: "Where's Caitlyn? She's at school"

Why?

When you MATCH , you are letting them know that what they have said is right. When you ADD, you are giving them an example of the next step up, so that they can begin to copy it. They will soon get the idea of putting more words together and start joining words themselves, especially if you MATCH and ADD lots of times.

