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## Expansions

### What is it?

The aim of expansion is to increase the length of your child's sentences or to expand your child's language into a more adult form.

### How is it done?

Expansion involves expanding on what your child has said. You add the correct grammatical markers and additional words to model a complete and correct sentence. Expansions can be done in a variety of everyday interactions such as in the car, at the park, during cooking or while reading a book. It is important that you do not change your child's intended meaning. For example, if your child points to a bird and says "blue", you should respond, "blue bird", rather than "bird eating".

<i>Child</i>	<i>Parent</i>
"Car"	"Red car"
"Big fish"	"Big fish swimming"
"Doggy run"	"The doggy is running"

*Remember:* Expansions do not require your child to repeat after you, you are simply exposing your child to new language targets.

