

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Extending Language Activity

During the My Plane activity video, the teacher extends language by using specific details and additional words to complete the sentence. Notice the following strategies the teacher used to extend the language:

- Modeled a complete sentence
- Added details
- Used more vocabulary

Child: "Look, my plane."

Teacher: "Your plane landed by the house. Awesome! Look at that it—landed right next to mine."

Practice applying the key concepts demonstrated in this activity on your own:

- Begin by **observing** an individual child or group of children to figure out what they are interested in.
- When you join the child(ren), follow their lead and **extend** by using specific details and more words.
- Use more **content or ideas** to broaden the child's understanding and vocabulary.
- Think of these moments as opportunities to **share what you know**, even if you think the words will be unfamiliar to the child(ren).

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1

What were some of the specific words that you used to extend the language?

2

What additional ideas or content did you use?

3

What did the child do? How did you respond?

4

What other more specific words could you have added to the conversation?

