

Handout 5: Talking With Your Child

Ask Questions That Require Your Child to:

- **Recall and describe events by asking questions about what happened.**

“What did you do at the playground?”

“How was the field trip today?”

“Why did the kitty go away?”
- **Compare one thing with another.**

“Which dress do you like better? Why?”

“How do you tell those twins apart?”
- **Explain why something happened.**

“Why is Sash crying?”

“Why do you suppose that fire truck is on our street?”
- **Explain a point of view or feelings.**

“Why is Johnny your best friend?”

“What is your favorite part of Head Start?”
- **Repeat what has been talked about or recently seen.**

“What is our rule about crossing the street?”

“Will you sing the song you learned today?”

The above questions are open-ended because children need to think through and explain their answers. These kinds of questions help children develop language skills and encourage children to use thinking skills.