

Handout 6: Listening Coding Sheet

Instructions: Listen to an audio tape of you and your child working or playing together. Every time you hear yourself ask a **closed question**, put a “✓” on the left side of the paper. Closed questions ask for a single word response. For example:

- What color is this?
- What’s your name?

When you hear yourself ask your child an **open-ended question**, put a “✓” on the right side of the paper. Listen to the tape as often as you need to. Open-ended questions encourage children’s thinking. For example, you might ask a child to:

- Make a comparison (e.g., Who has more?)
- Predict outcomes (e.g., What should we do about going to the park tomorrow if it rains?)
- Elaborate on his/her feelings or observations (e.g., How do you feel about having a new baby brother?)

Closed questions	Open-ended questions

Listen to the tape again. This time, listen for the child’s responses. Make notes on how the child responds to:

Closed questions	Open-ended questions