

# Early Essentials

## LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE MOMENT



**Instructions:** Watch the Practice Moment and record your notes here. Then, reflect on your environment, using the questions below as a guide.

Consider these questions to guide your reflection on language development with infants, young children, and families. If you are a home visitor, you might apply the questions to your socialization environments, or use them to help families think about language development in their home environments.

**QUESTION 1** In Alicia's family child care program, there are lots of back-and-forth interactions between the toddler and family child care provider during this routine diaper change. How might you . . .

- Use routines to support language development?
- Show a child you are interested in his communication?

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**QUESTION 2** This Early Head Start teacher notices this toddler's interest in water coming from a downspout, and builds on his interest to expand his language. How might you . . .

- Use a child's interests to support and foster language development?
- Follow a child's lead to expand vocabulary and learning?
- Use language to extend their learning?

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**QUESTION 3** This home visitor is encouraging the mother to take the lead in supporting the child’s language development. She also is showing how she values the family’s home language. How might you . . .

- Encourage families to support their child’s language development?
- Reinforce for families the importance of helping their child develop their home language?

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**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LANGUAGE?** Here are some resources you can use to dig a little deeper:

[Read and complete the Study Guide: News You Can Use: Foundations of School Readiness: Language and Literacy](#)

[Read and complete the Study Guide: Hablemos de... El desarrollo del lenguaje y la lectoescritura emergente y su relación con la preparación para la escuela](#)

[Read More Than Baby Talk: 10 Ways to Promote the Language and Communication Skills of Infants and Toddlers](#)

[Listen to the live- stream session from BTT Institute 2014: Track A: Inclusive Child Development: Dual Language Development in Children Prenatal to Three](#)

[Read Strategies for Supporting All Dual Language Learners](#)

[Watch Early Essentials Webisode 9 on Language Development](#)

[Complete Module 3: The Importance of Early Interactions especially focusing on slides 9-12](#)