

**Birth to
Five**

WAYS TO ASK PRESCHOOL CHILDREN QUESTIONS

Asking questions is an important way to extend conversations with children in the classroom. The first column below contains four strategies for extending conversations with questions. The second column provides examples for each strategy.

Ask children about what they are doing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are you working on? • You are working very hard, tell me about your project. • What are your plans for those materials?
Ask children to provide explanations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think that happened? • How can I help you solve this problem? • I am wondering, how did you do that?
Ask children to make predictions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think will happen next? • What could we use this container for? • What would you do if that were you?
Ask children to connect learning to their own lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think about...? • How did you do that before? • What does this remind you of?