**Turn thin into thick**

**Thick conversations:**
- Give your child many chances to speak.
- Encourage your child to think and imagine.
- Have many back-and-forth exchanges.
- Help build positive relationships.

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One way to turn a thin conversation...

**Adult:** Do you want to play with the boat? **Child:** Yes.
**Adult:** What color is it? **Child:** Blue.
**Adult:** Who will ride in the boat? **Child:** The man.

...into a thick one.

**Adult:** Which toy do you like to play with the most?
**Child:** The boat.
**Adult:** Oh, the boat is your favorite. What will you do with the boat?
**Child:** The man is going to ride on it.
**Adult:** Where is the man going?
**Child:** Into the bubbles.
**Adult:** The bubbles are thick. Watch out!
**Child:** Help! The man is falling out!
**Adult:** Oh no! Who will help the man?
**Child:** I’ll get the whale!
**Adult:** The whale to the rescue!

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