

Reading Assignment

Planning Time Conversations



1. Interpreting Gestures and Actions

Adult: What are you going to do today, Katie?

Child: *(Points to the bookshelf.)*

Adult: You're pointing to the bookshelf.

Child: *(Nods yes.)*

Adult: Show me what you'll do there, Katie.

Child: *(Goes to the book shelf and brings back Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car.)*

Adult: Oh, you are going to read *Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car*.

Child: *(Nods yes and heads over to the bean bag chair with her book.)*



2. Offering Alternatives

Adult: What would you like to do, Wendy?

Child: *(Long pause. No response.)*

Adult: Sometimes you point to something you would like to work with.

Child: *(Sits in adult's lap.)*

Adult: Maybe you would like to stay with me and watch for a while.

Child: *(Nods yes.)*



3. Conversing About Concerns That Might Be Impeding Planning

Adult: Benji, tell me, what are you going to do at work time?

Child: My cousin's dog got runned over.

Adult: Oh dear. That is too bad. I am sorry to hear that.

Child: My cousin, she cried and cried, and so did my aunt and my mama.

Adult: That's what people do when they are very sad. They cry.

Child: He should have stayed on his leash, but he didn't. He ran into the street.

Adult: Dogs like to run, and sometimes they run into places that are dangerous.

Child: I wish he didn't run into that street. *(Pauses.)*
Well, maybe I'll make a house with a big fence around it. Yeah, that is what I'll do.

Adult: You are going to make a house with a big fence around it?

Child: Yeah, I'll make it with the little blocks and the little animals. And I'll make them a house too where they can be away from danger.

4. Conversing About Space and Materials

Adult: What's your plan today, Pablo?

Child: Make a really big monster house. Really big!

Adult: How will you make a really big monster house?

Child: With all the blocks. The cardboard ones, the big wooden ones, and those other ones you can reach inside of.

Adult: That sounds like almost all our blocks to me.

Child: Yep! I'm usin' all of 'em.

Adult: You know, I see some other kids already using the big hollow blocks and some of the big wooden blocks.

Child: Aw, darn it! I need those!

Adult: Well, there are still some blocks left.

Child: (*Looks around.*)

Adult: Sometimes people make houses out of other things.

Child: I could use the pillows.

Adult: The pillows.

Child: Maybe those boxes we had yesterday!

Adult: The boxes we used at small-group time.

Child: Yeah, they're even bigger than the blocks.
Ha! I'm gonna have an even bigger monster house now!