

# Reading Assignment

## *Recall Time Conversations*



# 1. Talking About Details

Adult: What did you do today, Jeff?

Child: Make an exercise machine.

Adult: Oh, an exercise machine. Tell me about it.

Child: Well, I used the big giant Tinkertoys and made some of those lifter things.

Adult: A lifter thing like a bar with weights on the ends?

Child: Yeah, I used a long Tinkertoy for the lifter and then put the round wheel things on for the weights.

Adult: So your exercise machine had a lifter with weights.

Child: I made a part for your feet where you put them under and then lift them like this.

(He lies on the floor and shows where the bar goes over his feet.)

Adult: I see.

Child: I had to make a holder for it, maybe with blocks . . . Some on one end and some on the other.

## 2. Questioning

Adult: Tell me about what you did today.

Child: Make somethin'.

Adult: You made something?

Child: Like hers. (Points to Donna.)

Adult: Like Donna's.

Child: A crown. On the 'puter.

Adult: Oh, I see, you made a crown like the one  
Donna made on the computer.

Child: Yeah.

Adult: What can you tell us about your crown?



### 3. Making Specific Comments

Adult: What can you tell me about your work time today?

Child: I played in the house area.

Adult: I saw you with the dolls.

Child: They was taking a bath. I filled the tub with water.

Adult: You brought water from the sink to the house area.

Child: I took a bucket and filled it up and then I carried it to the bathtub.

Adult: It looked like you carried lots of water.

Child: Yeah, about ten-hundred-eight buckets. And I didn't spill any!

Adult: You didn't spill any water? How did you keep from doing that?

Child: I only filled it up to here (gestures) so it wouldn't go over the top.

Adult: Oh, I see.

## 4. Making Connections to Plans and Involving Others

Adult: I remember you planned to build a fire truck in the block area, is that what you did?

Child 1: I made a fire house and used the truck to ride on.

Adult: You made a fire house and used the truck to ride. Where did you ride to?

Child 1: To the house area, I had to put out a fire cause they burnt up the kitchen again.

Adult: Who was in the kitchen when Johnny put out the fire?

Child 2: Me and Talia were baking a cake and it burnt up.

Adult: Oh, I see, you made a cake. What happened when it burnt up, Talia?

Talia: The oven caught on fire and we called the fire department and Johnny the fireman came and put the fire out.

Adult: What a busy work time you three had. Any thing else you want to tell us about work time?

Children: Nope.