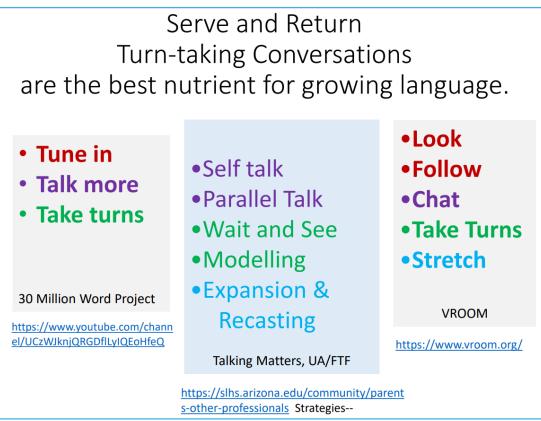
# **CONVERSATION CONNECTIONS** Handout for **EARLY CONVERSATIONS**



## Talking Matters: 5 Strategies for Enhancing Speech-Language Skills

- 1. Self talk about what **you** are doing
- 2. Parallel Talk about what the child is doing
- 3. <u>Wait Wait &</u> See what your child will say.
- 4. Modelling –

•show & say what you want the child to do & say before (Good morning, Mr. Jones), &

- restate, correcting language errors
  *"The sheeps goed to the stream"* →
  *"Yes, the sheep went to the stream."*
- 5. Expansion & Recasting lots of synonyms and more questions
  - "I wonder if they were <u>sweltering hot</u> or <u>parched</u> and <u>thirsty</u>? Did they want a <u>chilly freezing ice-cold</u> bath or a <u>refreshing cool</u> drink? What did they do next?" Talking Matters, UA/FTF

### Synonym Substitute Suggestions for Expansion and Recasting

- Big: large, huge, enormous, tremendous, jumbo, monster
- Little: tiny, teeny, small, compact, mini, miniature
- Good: excellent, great, wonderful, marvelous, fantastic
- Bad: poor, awful, terrible, lousy
- Soft: mushy, doughy, gooey, spongy, squashy, smooth
- Hard: firm, stiff, rigid, tough, strong
- Tall: high, lofty, towering
- Small: tiny, petite
- Car: automobile, vehicle, motor vehicle
- Fun: enjoyment, entertainment, amusement
- Happy: cheerful, merry, jolly, gleeful
- Sad: sorrow, gloomy
- Cold: cool, chilly, bitter, freezing, raw
- Hot: warm, humid, boiling, tropical
- Smart: Clever, bright, brilliant, wise

### These were found years ago at http://preschoolers.about.com/ od/learningeducation/qt/vocabti p2.htm and https://www.verywellfamily.com /how-to-build-a-childsvocabulary-2765147 but these links no longer work. Author unknown.

#### **GREAT RESOURCES re EARLY CONVERSATIONS:**

Make Way for Books: https://makewayforbooks.org/ Get their amazing must-have app.

Thirty Million Words: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzWJknjQRGDflLyIQEoHfeQ

**Vroom:** <u>https://www.vroom.org/</u> A wealth of conversation tools & tips for parents of infants and children. Their intro:**Brain Building Basics** at <u>https://youtu.be/WQNm4ASB7iY</u>

Talking Matters: https://slhs.arizona.edu/community/parents-other-professionals Strategies-

Three Core Concepts in Early Development, Center on the Developing Child at Harvard. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0DB506DEF92B6347 videos

*Serve and Return as Play* Jack Schonkoff, M.D., Center on the Developing Child at Harvard. https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/building-babies-brains-through-play-mini-parenting-masterclass/ video

From Cries to Conversations: The Development of Communication Skills from Birth to 3, https://vimeo.com/130344328 https://vimeo.com/130344328 By ZEROTOTHREE. video

**Talk with me Baby** <u>https://coxcampus.org/course-talk-with-me-baby/</u>. Early childhood professionals engaging parents in conversations with their infants video

Language and Early Literacy Development – multiple blogs & videos on FTF's website.

https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/language-and-

literacy/?utm\_source=First+Things+First+mailing+list&utm\_campaign=b76c73ef83-

February+2020+Latest+Things&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_ab57e3d95b-b76c73ef83-9145795

Effective Teacher-Child Interactions by Teachstone https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Hw0DbxOmJQ

Checking for Quality Teacher-Child Interactions by FTF https://youtu.be/CUViSwMWvLk videos

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