

# Extension

Extension is a technique to promote your child's language development. Extension means *to add an additional, related information to your child's utterance.*

## ☺ Advantages of using Extension:

- Increase age-appropriate language input during play and daily routines
- Introduce new concept and vocabulary
- Promote functional communication

## Examples:

1. CHILD says, 'Boy cry'  
PARENT says, 'Yes, the boy is crying. He is sad.'
2. CHILD says, 'Truck go'  
PARENT says, 'Yes, the truck is going. It is a red truck.'

## Notes:

- ★ Build on words that the child has already said
- ★ Maintain the meaning of your child's intentions
- ★ Repeat your child's utterance in a grammatical way and add new information
- ★ Do not require your child to imitate