ASKING AND ANSWERING "WHO" QUESTIONS AT HOME

Asking and answering questions is an important skill for children to have a conversation and to demonstrate what they know. You can help your child get better at asking and answering questions by practicing at home.

Answering who questions

Before you ask the question, tell your child what the question word means so they understand what you are asking.

Who → is a person
Example: who made you breakfast?

Who questions range from simple to complex:

- Who is that?
- Who does…? (Who made your snack? Who puts out fires?)

If your child needs help

- Wait 5-10 seconds to let them think about what to say
- Ask the question a different way (e.g., "who made your snack?" → "who gave you grapes?")
- Give your child 2 choices (e.g., "did mom or dad make it?")
- You may have to say the answer and then ask the question again

Asking who questions

Model how to ask a 'who' question for your child throughout your day. Repetitive games and songs can help your child learn how to ask these types of questions. See the back page for activity ideas.

Daily Practice Ideas

Day 1: Read a book with your child and ask questions such as, "who is wearing red?" Encourage your child to begin asking these types of questions

Day 2: Look through family pictures together, and ask, "who is that?"

Day 3: At dinner, ask questions such as, "who wants the salt?"

Day 4: Play a board game and practice asking and answering, "whose turn is it?"

Day 5: While watching a TV show, ask questions such as, "who is your favourite character?"

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ADDITONAL INFORMATION

Check out these ideas for more fun ways to practice asking and answering who questions

- This Super Duper handout talks about additional ways to target "who" questions at home
- Play "Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?" to practice asking and answering who questions. Check out this link by Super Simple Songs to help you learn the song!
- Play the game "Guess Who" and ask questions such as, "who has brown hair?" or "who has blue eyes?" You can also listen to this "Guess Who?" song by Pinkfong! Kids' Songs & Stories and encourage your child to guess along.
- Go on a treasure hunt! Hide different toys or pictures of people/animals around the room. When your child finds the item, you can ask, "who did you find?"

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