The Learning Lens Series
An Introduction to Quality of Feedback

What is it?

Responding to what toddlers say and/or do

Helps toddlers **think** and **problem solve**

Feedback "**turns the page**", extending the interaction

Why does it matter?

Toddlers learn through **back-and-forth interactions** with their caregivers

Helps toddlers verbalize or demonstrate their **thought processes**

Builds their **confidence** and **persistence**

Remember that you are helping toddlers with big thinking opportunities!

What does it include?

Clarifying concepts or tasks

Verbal or **physical** assistance

Providing **hints**

Recognizing a toddler's efforts

Specific and **individualized** feedback

Is it realistic?

Yes! Effective feedback supports toddlers as in their work and big thinking. Providing feedback simply require us to be more intentional in our responses. With small, consistent shifts in how you respond to a toddler's work, effective **Quality of Feedback** interactions will become a natural part of your everyday routine!

Something to remember

Help toddlers **THINK** with purpose

- **T**alk through challenges
- **H**int instead of solving
- **I**nspire talking about the process
- **N**otice effort and progress
- **K**eep engagement going

What happens next?

Feedback creates **interactive thinking** and **learning opportunities** for toddlers.
Your engagement and support are important!

Use your **Two-Tool** Takeaway!

Choose two strategies covered in the training within the next week. Here are some examples:

A. When a toddler is working on a new task, I will *cheer them on and remind them of their recent accomplishments. This will keep them motivated.*

B. During reading time, I usually read cover to cover. This week, I will *ask toddlers what they think will happen before exciting parts of the story.*

Small improvements over time are most likely to stick and lead to **lasting impacts**!

"The interactions that we initiate today become building blocks for how toddlers understand, connect, and communicate tomorrow."

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