

Benefits of Recasting

Clinical studies have shown that recasting can significantly increase the use of grammatically correct sentences in children.

Correlation between vocabulary size and frequency of recasts.

Recasts encourage conversational turn taking and engagement.

Dos and Don'ts of Recasting

- DO use the child's language, and make it more accurate by adding something.
- DO recasting in a positive manner.
- DO use it in various settings, not just at home.
- DO NOT have the child repeat after you.
- DO NOT change the child's original meaning.
- DO NOT put pressure on the child.



What is Child-Directed Speech?

Child-directed speech (CDS), also known as parentese, is where adults adapt their language when communicating with infants and children. CDS consists of shorter phrases, repetition, changes in pitch, and exaggerated pronunciation to reinforce language learning.

What is recasting?

Recasting is a specific, but crucial part of CDS. When an adult repeats something said by the child, but adds more information or corrects the grammar, they are "recasting" what the child said.

Recasting

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Thank you!



Tips for Recasting



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Make sure to maintain the original thought of the child's utterance!

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Remember that your child has a limited attention span, recast right after their thoughts!

3

Allow your child the time it takes to convey their message!

4

Make learning about language fun and positive!



Examples of Recasting



Child: He **goed** to school..

Adult: He **went** to school! What did he do at school? I hope that he had a good day.

Child: Why did **her go**?

Adult: Why did **she leave**? Rachel left because she needed to go to work.

Child: I **gotted** a puppy!

Adult: You **got** a puppy! When did you get it? What is it's name?



Did you know..

When your child says something that doesn't sound quite right, it is evidence of learning. They have learned a rule, but don't know when to use it. An example of this would be a child saying "goed" instead of "went".

