

# Who, What, Where?

*Who has on  
blue shoes?*



*Gary's shoes  
are blue!*

Throughout your day, ask your child *who*, *what*, and *where* questions that will encourage him to describe people, objects, and places.

You encourage conversation with your child by posing questions that your child can answer.



## Why this is important

Answering basic questions gives your child the chance to use many of the words he knows and encourages him to learn new words. By following your child's answer with more conversation about the topic, you help him describe people, objects, and places. Questions beginning with *who*, *what*, and *where* will guide him throughout his life in telling and interpreting stories.

## What you do

- Include simple questions in your daily conversations with your child using the words *who*, *what* and *where*. *Who is coming to visit? What sound do you hear? Where's a good place to hide?*
- Use your child's answers as a starting point for further back-and-forth conversation on the same topic.
- Keep your questions short and casual. Your child may be reluctant to participate if you appear too insistent with your questions.

## Another idea

Use questions to encourage your child's creative thinking. Create an imaginary scenario and encourage your child to respond to your questions about it. *If we were going to have a big party for all of the animals at the zoo, whom would you invite? What would we do at the party?*

### Let's read together!

*Who Likes Rain?*  
by Wong Herbert Yee