

# Help Sheet

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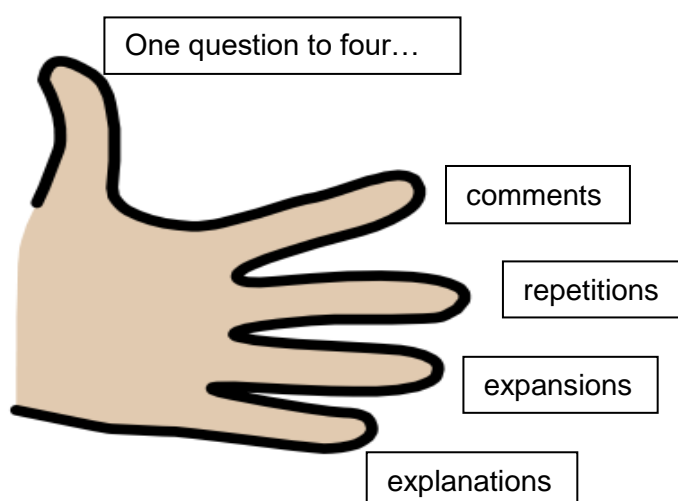
## How to support communication development by reducing questioning.



### Why?

- This is to support children to develop vocabulary and communication.
- Research shows that reducing questioning can help a child to develop their spoken communication. By restricting the number of questions you ask a child, you are reducing the expectations and pressure to produce an answer.
- The Elklan hand model is a good way to adapt the language used by practitioners. It replaces questions with modelling language.

### The model:



### How?

	Child says...	You say...
Comment	scooter	you like the scooter
Repetition	big van	big van
Expansion	banana	yum, yellow banana
Explanation	I'm happy	happy playing in the water



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## Reference / Evidence base – informed by:

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