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Encourage Observation with 5 Senses:

- What do you see? Have you seen anything like that before?

- How does that feel? (Is it soft, hard, rough, fuzzy, smooth, cold, hot?)

- What does it sound like? Can you describe the sound?

- What does it smell like? Does that smell remind you of anything?

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When a child approaches a new activity:

- What do you see?

- Have you used these materials before?

- What do you think you could do with them?

- Are you ready to try them out?

- I don't know what those are. Shall we play with them together and find out?

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When a child is starting a new project:

- What can you imagine doing?

- What are your plans?

- What would be the funniest /coolest thing to do?

- Can you draw a picture of what you want to do?

- What information do you already have about how to do your project? What do you still need to know? Who could you ask?

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When a child is working on a project:

. What are you doing / discovering?

. Tell me about your project / picture?

. Can you tell me more?

. How did you do that?

. Can you explain what you've done so far?

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If a child is stuck and comes to you for help:

. What's wrong? Can you describe the problem?

. What are your goals: what do you hope to do?

. What have you tried so far?

. What could you try next?

. How about we brainstorm—come up with lots of ideas, then you do the one you like best?

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Ask the child to Explain something:

- What do you think?

- Why do you think that?

- How did you do that?

- Why do you think that happened?

- What do you mean by ____?

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Ask the child to Make Predictions:

. What do you think will happen next?

. What could we use this object for?

. What else could you do with those supplies

. What would happen if we _____?

. Are you beginning to notice any patterns?

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Connect the learning to the child's experience:

- How do you know that?

- How have you done this before?

- What does this remind you of?

- Can you think of another way to do that?

- What did you learn today? How could you use that in the future?

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