

Describe It!

Choose an object (either something new and interesting, or in a pinch, anything that is nearby!). Describe the object in great detail. Talk about how it looks, feels, smells, and any features you see. Pass the object around and encourage children to describe what they feel or see.

This works best if you are enthusiastic about the object to peak children's interest and curiosity.

More Support: Describe what you think children are noticing (e.g., spikey points on a ball or the smooth surface of a rock).

Repeat and Elaborate What Children Say

Child: "Soft."

Teacher: "You think the doll feels soft."

Child: "Mmmm."

Teacher: "You said 'mmm,' because you think it

smells yummy."