



## If... Then

Encourage children to think about cause and effect using “if...then” questions or statements. These can be real or silly ones. Model and guide children throughout reasoning while considering the questions.

After children respond, ask follow-up questions such as, “Why do you think that?” to further promote reasoning.

### **Ask Open-Ended Questions**

“If we know that plants need water, then what could happen if we forget to water them?”

“If one beach ball takes up this much space, then how much space do you think 100 beach balls would take up?”

“If we know that the tower falls over when we build it too high, then what could we do to make sturdier so we can make it taller?”