



Conversation Starters for Strong Theory of Mind (ToM) Development

Using a simple list of conversation starters and a topic to focus on such as a family routine, book or movie, you can start your interactions with open-ended thinking and feeling comments and questions that will help your child develop the skills of understanding the meaning behind actions and events and recognizing the perspectives of others in social interactions. Use this list of conversation starters and continue helping in the development of your Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) learner's social skills, emotional connections and understanding today!

- I think...
- I wonder...
- What do you think...?
- What is he thinking/feeling?
- If she had a thought bubble above her head, what would it say?
- How do you know...?
- How would he tell the story...?
- Why do you think he made that face...?
- What do you think his face/actions tells us?
- You won't believe...
- Tell me what you remember...?
- I think that's funny because...
- Help me to remember...
- How do we know what someone is feeling...?
- What could we say to help him understand...?
- What do you think he meant by...?
- I wonder what it means when someone...?