

# **EYFS- Sustained Shared Thinking Prompt Cards**

Things to do

Listen carefully to  
what the child is saying

Things to do

Watch what they  
are doing

Things to do

Observe their body  
language

Things to do

Give your attention  
to the child

Things to do

Respond to what the  
child is saying or doing

Things to do

Maintain eye contact  
and smile

## Prompts

Try recapping the children's  
ideas  
e.g. 'so you think that'..

## Prompts

Try offering your own  
experiences e.g 'I like..'

## Prompts

Try clarifying the children's  
ideas,  
e.g. 'so you think'..

## Prompts

Try suggesting an ideas,  
e.g. 'maybe you could try'..

## Prompts

Try using encouragement  
e.g. 'you thought  
really carefully about'

## Prompts

Try offering an alternative  
viewpoint, e.g. 'maybe the  
wolf just wanted a friend'

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Questions

I wonder if..?

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What do you think  
might happen..?

Questions

What do you think  
that happened..?

Questions

What did you notice?

Questions

What else could we try?

Questions

How did you?

Questions

Do you think?

Questions

Why does this?

Questions

What do you think?

Questions

How could we?