

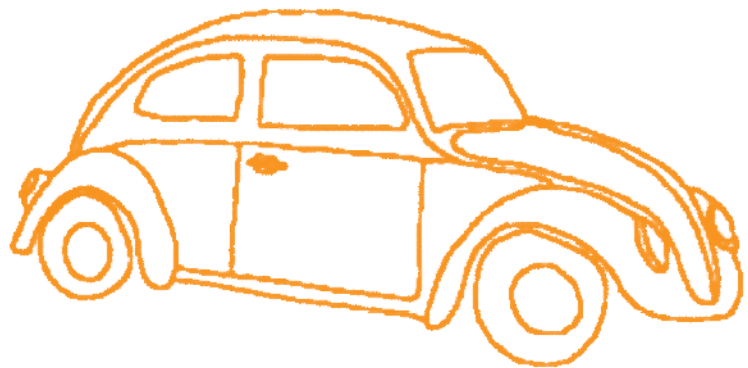


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*Tips for Teachers*  
*Engaging Children in Conversations*



## Follow the CAR



### Follow the child's lead and then:

- Comment and wait, or
- Ask a question and wait, or
- Respond by adding a little more and wait
- When speaking in the home language and a child says a word in English, repeat the word in the home language.

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