

5 Scaffolding Strategies

for Improving Quality of Feedback

Scenario: A child is playing with blocks and is frustrated that the tower keeps falling down.

1 Ask prompting questions

"What do you think would happen if we didn't build the tower quite so tall?"



2 Give a range of possible answers

"Do you think we need bigger blocks at the bottom or should we make two smaller towers?"



3 Make suggestions

"Your block tower keeps falling down. Do you want to try putting all the bigger blocks at the bottom?"



4 Use a demonstration

As the teacher, make your own block tower to demonstrate how the blocks work best.



5 Provide physical support

The teacher can help support the blocks at the bottom or catch the block tower so the child can stabilize it.

