**WH Questions**

Wh questions are “What, where, who, when, why, how”. Understanding and answering wh questions are important and require complex language skills and verbal reasoning skills.

**Here is a way to strengthen your child’s ability to answer wh questions:**

- Ensure your child understands each wh question, for example, “What is about thing/event, when is a time, where is a place, who is a person or character, why is a reason something happens and how is the way something is done.

The following are activities that target answering wh questions at home. These activities will only take a few minutes, please choose a few each week if you can. Encourage your child and have fun with these activities. Remember to create a good listening environment.

**Activities targeting Wh Questions at Home**

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1. Solve riddles together, “I put out fires WHO am I?” “It takes you to school and is yellow WHAT is it?
2. Read stories together and explore the following questions:
   - Who was the story about? (characters)
   - What was the problem in the story?
   - Where did the story take place? (setting)
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   - Why did the character do________?
   - How did the character solve the problem?
3. Answer hypothetical questions such as “What do you think would happen in the world were made of candy....”
4. Pretend you found a pirates chest, draw a picture of the things you might find in it. What is inside?
   - Who buried the treasure?
   - How did it get on the island?
   - Where did we find it?
5. Answer comparative questions such as, “How are Summer and Winter different/same?”