

Telling the Story of What Happened



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connect listen  
mirror  
identify respect  
rapport relate  
explain build

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- Environment
- Posture
- Proximity
- Eye Contact
- Listening

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## Verbal Rapport

<p><b>DO</b></p> <p>Convey support/interest</p> <p>Encourage child to talk</p>	<p><b>HOW TO</b></p> <p>Use child's name</p> <p>Use child's words</p> <p>Listen without interrupting</p> <p>Pausing</p> <p>Use facilitators</p>
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**Reinforce Child's Efforts**  
(not content)

You're really helping me understand

Thank you for telling me

I see what you mean

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**TELL ME MORE...**

Conveys interest

Assists with rapport

Invites narrative

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narrative = child's words + open-ended questions

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I: Tell me things you like to do.  
C: Play with my friends and go outside.  
I: Where do you play outside?  
C: At the playground.  
I: Which playground?  
C: Near my house.  
I: Who do you play with?  
C: Jared and Jack.  
I: Does your mom take you to the playground?  
C: Yes.

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C: Play with my friends and go outside.  
  
At the playground.  
  
Near my house.  
  
Jared and Jack.  
  
Yes.

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C: Daddy put his pee-pee on my pee-pee.  
I: Where?  
C: At our house.  
I: Were your clothes on or off?  
C: My pants are off every time.  
I: What color is daddy's pee-pee?  
C: White-ish, yellow-ish.  
I: Did it hurt when daddy did that?  
C: Nope.

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I: Since I wasn't at your house, I really need you to help me understand. Tell me exactly what happened when daddy put his pee-pee on your pee-pee.

C: Well, I put my pee-pee in the potty and I didn't flush. So daddy put his pee-pee in the potty. His pee-pee was on my pee-pee. But daddy flushed the potty. It was funny.

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### Elicit More Narrative

You said \_\_, tell me more about \_\_\_\_.

Tell me everything that happened from \_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

Tell me more about the part where \_\_\_\_.

Tell me everything that happened when \_\_\_\_.

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Tell me how it started.

And then what happened?

What happened next?

Tell me more about \_\_\_\_ . Start at the beginning.

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Tell me some things about yourself.

Tell me some things you like to do.

Tell me what you do for fun.

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I: Now I want to get to know you. Tell me some things about yourself.

C: Uhhhh, I'm in first grade.

I: Tell me all about first grade.

C: We do math, we do reading and we do papers. We cut and glue. We get on computers.

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*We do math, we do reading and we do papers. We cut and glue. We get on computers.*

You said you do papers, tell me more about doing papers.

Tell me what happens when you cut and glue.

So you get on computers, then what happens.

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I: Now I want to get to know you. Tell me some things you like to do.

C: I am in third grade and I am a really good drawer. My sister is an artist and I think that's where I got it. I have lots of friends and I love math. It's my favorite subject. And I love the colors pink and purple. My birthday is coming soon and I want to have a skating party.

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*I am in third grade and I am a really good drawer. My sister is an artist and I think that's where I got it. I have lots of friends and I love math. It's my favorite subject. And I love the colors pink and purple. My birthday is coming soon and I want to have a skating party.*

Tell me more about the things you do in third grade.

Tell me more about the things you like to do with your friends.

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Tell me everything that happened on the last day of school.

Your mom told me you went to Lagoon last weekend. Tell me everything you did at Lagoon.

Tell me everything you did yesterday from the time you woke up until you went to bed.

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I: Tell me everything you did today from the time you woke up until you came here, don't leave anything out.

C: I woke up, got ready for school, did some work, had recess, did more work and then ate lunch.

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*I woke up, got ready for school, did some work, had recess, did more work and ate lunch.*

Tell me more about doing work at school.

Tell me everything that happened at recess.

You said you ate lunch, and then what happened?

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## “I had a sleepover”



Tell me more about that.

Tell me more about the sleepover.

Tell me everything that happened at the sleepover.

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*“Well I use to like, my grandma had this one boyfriend that, um, had a cousin that one boyfriend it was actually her husband, but then he died, so the cousin ended up moving in with my grandma, and then I was born, and then he started touching me in the wrong places.”*

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*“He woke me up, then threw me off the bed. I tried to get out but then he was taking his clothes off and then he pushed me back on the floor and then he tried to take off my clothes. And I tried to tell him ‘get off me’ but he said ‘if you scream, I’m gonna hurt you’.*

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Tell me everything that happened when \_\_\_\_  
he woke you up  
he threw you off the bed  
he was taking his clothes off  
he pushed you back on the floor  
he tried to take off your clothes

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Tell me more about \_\_\_\_  
him waking you up  
him throwing you off the bed  
him taking his clothes off  
him pushing you back on the floor  
him trying to take off your clothes

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What happened next?

You said he tried to take off your clothes, then what happened?

Tell me everything that happened from when he pushed you back on the floor until he said 'if you scream, I'm gonna hurt you'.

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*"We had sex"*



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Tell me everything about having sex.

Tell me how it started.

What happened when you had sex? Start at the beginning.

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You said you had sex, what was the very first thing that happened when you had sex?

And then what happened?

What happened right after [child's detail].

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I need to ask you more questions because I don't understand.

Tell me everything that happened from the time you started having sex until you stopped having sex.

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**DIRECT** question → **ACTION** based **OPEN** question

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**DIRECT** question → **ACTION** based **OPEN** question

**WHERE** on your body did Tom kiss you →

Tell me everything about Tom **KISSING** your private.

**WHAT HAPPENED** when Tom was **KISSING** your private?

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**WHAT** did Tom kiss your private with →

Tell me everything that happened when Tom **KISSED** your privates with his lips.

**WHAT HAPPENED** when Tom **KISSED** your privates with his lips?

What **DID** Tom **DO** with his lips?

Tell me more about Tom **KISSING** your private with his lips.

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