

# Picture This

## Primary Objectives

- 10a. Engages in conversations
- 10b. Uses social rules of language

## Why It's Important

Your child will learn language when he is allowed to lead conversations about topics that interest him and when he is supported by adults who listen and respond appropriately. Activities that encourage this type of interaction support and extend language development.

## Materials

2–3 pictures that your child might find interesting

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to choose a picture from the collection and talk about it with you.
2. Encourage him to lead the conversation, facilitating the discussion by providing prompts and asking open-ending questions. *Can you tell me about...? I wonder why....*
3. Go slowly, giving your child time to think and communicate his thoughts to you.
4. Help your child put his thoughts into words by listening and restating the content of his message.
5. If your child seems ready, repeat his responses back to him in a slightly more advanced form. Think about new words you might use and open-ended questions you might ask to extend his language. *You noticed the people in the picture are wearing coats and hats. And you think it must be cold outside. Where do you think they are going?*