

Below I reprint some data that will allow us to work with the Doing and Not Just Saying Tool. Here are questions to think about in trying to apply the Doing and Not Just Saying Tool to this data: 1- When the child says, "This looks like this is an egg", the mother says, "That's exactly what it is!" In an energized way. The exclamation point means her intonation contour was one of excitement or surprise (as does her use of "exactly" here). This data is from Crowley & Jacobs's paper "Islands of expertise and the development of family scientific literacy." I have reprinted the transcript as they have printed it. The bold print on "egg" means emphatic stress and "... They have local goals or purposes for each utterance and larger, more global goals for a whole set of connected utterances. 5- The mother reads off the card "Replica of a dinosaur egg. From the oviraptor." This is hardly three-year-old language ("replica," "oviraptor"). Why does she read it to the child? The mother doesn't just read this sort of language to her child, she speaks it as well. Later she says: Do you have a ... You have an oviraptor on your game! You know the egg game on your computer? That's what it is, an oviraptor. And that's from the Cretaceous period. And that was a really, really long time ago. Why does she speak this way ("oviraptor," "Cretaceous period") to the child? In this interaction, the mother and child have in front of them a plastic dinosaur, a plastic replica of a dinosaur's egg, and a little card on which is written the name of the dinosaur and information about it and its egg. From the oviraptor." The mother is telling the child to look at the printed card. He is three years old and cannot read, so why is she telling him to look at the card? Why is she emphasizing the word "egg" (which is printed on the card)? 7- When people communicate, they are trying to do things with each utterance and with a whole set of utterances taken together. In some families parents do not talk and interact with their three-year-olds this way. means a noticeable pause. Replica of a dinosaur egg. M: Ok well this...