

DECLARATIVE LANGUAGE NUTS & BOLTS CHEAT SHEET

These are *options*. Pick & choose what is developmentally right for your learner!

A SIMPLE COMMENT THAT OBSERVES

The dog looks hungry.
Those flowers are really colorful!

1ST PERSON PRONOUNS THAT MODEL AN IDEA OR CREATE PARTNERSHIP

I, me, my, mine
We, let's, us, ours

Let's go get our bags.
We had fun yesterday!
The teacher is waiting for us.
I wonder if your friend likes pretzels.

WORDS THAT EMPHASIZE UNCERTAINTY, POSSIBILITY & ALTERNATIVES

maybe, might
perhaps, possibly
sometimes,
not sure, almost

Maybe your friend wants to play too.
We might go outside later.
I'm not sure.

And always use a GIVE over GET mindset.

COGNITIVE VERBS

think, hope, remember, forget, decide, wish, wonder, know, don't know, imagine

OBSERVATIONAL WORDS OR WORDS RELATED TO OUR SENSES

notice, see, hear, smell, feel

I notice everyone is ready for our story.
I heard your friend ask you something.
I can tell your friend feels happy!

MINDFUL PACING

- It's really important to give everyone time to think.
- Pause so your learner can respond in their own unique way.
- Don't be afraid of silence!