



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

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

**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!