Asking/Answering Questions

Answering questions is a basic part of classroom learning for most students. The questions on each card in this skill area help to focus on the key elements of the picture first. Then the questions become more abstract, relating to ideas that are not necessarily depicted in the picture itself.

The final stimulus for each card asks the student to formulate questions about the picture. Asking appropriate questions is quite difficult for many students with learning disabilities or language-learning difficulties. These cards simplify the task by specifying the particular object of a question (Ask me a question about the baby vs. Ask me a question about this picture). As your students become more fluent in asking questions about a specific topic, increase the challenge by changing the stimulus to Ask me a question about this picture.

Encourage students who can write to formulate questions in writing before they ask them aloud.