

## How Many Ways Can You Say \_\_\_\_\_?



### Here's Why

A child's voice and body are instruments for helping him communicate his thoughts. Learning to express ideas in different ways helps him master situational language.

### Here's How

Start by asking the children to find different ways to say a single word—for example, the word *please*. Then prompt the children to experiment with their voices. For instance: "I wonder what *please* would sound like if you were very, very quiet? Loud? Happy? Sad?"

Encourage the children to use their full range of pitch and body language. For example: "I wonder what *please* sounds like when you're really tall? Or really short? I wonder what *please* sounds like if you're sliding down a slide?" Add silliness: "How does a cow say *please*?"

Other languages are often fascinating to little ones, too. Explain that children in Mexico don't say *please*; they say *por favor*, and in France they say *s'il vous plait*.