

**Teacher Resource 8****Improving the Quality of  
Teacher – Student Conversations**

The teacher did/said ...	The students did/said ...	The impact on student talk/learning was ...
Provide “wait” or “think” time.		
Notice and name the learning.		
Extend and expand the children’s thinking.		
Ask questions like “How did you know ...?”		
Connect children’s background knowledge to new learning.		
Point out the relationships between what the students already know and new learning.		