How to develop:

Ability to answer "Why" questions

Strategies

- **Build opportunities into everyday moments** – using what the child sees, does, hears everyday.
- **Use visual support** - gesture, objects, photographs, symbols.
- **Use items/games the child enjoys** to keep the activity motivating.

Activities

Using books:
Use books/well known stories.

Stop at a crucial point and get the children to…

- Pick an ending you would like for the story and ask questions e.g. *"Why is this the best ending?"*
- Ask them why something happened e.g. *"Why is she crying?"*, *"Why has she got her coat on?"*

Using pictures:
Describe a scene/look at a picture of a scene. Get children to predict what might happen next. Ask why something happened.

Role play and discuss:

i) Pupils act out a familiar story. Then group leader asks questions regarding the character's feelings.
ii) Act out social scenes e.g. child being told off by parents, child being teased at school, birthday party etc. The group leader or group members ask questions about how and why they are feeling a certain way.

Spot the errors:
The adult tells a story and makes intentional errors. The child must listen to the story and identify what is wrong or what doesn't make sense and then explain why.