

# Watch, Wait, Listen and Respond

When you watch and see what your child is enjoying playing with, say something to your child about it.

Pause/ wait to give your child time to understand what you have asked, and to respond.

This takes time!

Show your child that you are waiting by looking at them and making eye contact.

Waiting gives your child time to get involved and take turns in the chat.

**Stop talking and look expectantly at your child, count to 10**

Then comment on what they say or show you!

This gives your child an opportunity to go at their own pace and encourages them to take a turn without rushing.

**When your child is familiar with a song/rhyme, try pausing before the key words/fun part; your child may fill in the gap e.g. "incy wincy \_\_\_\_"**

