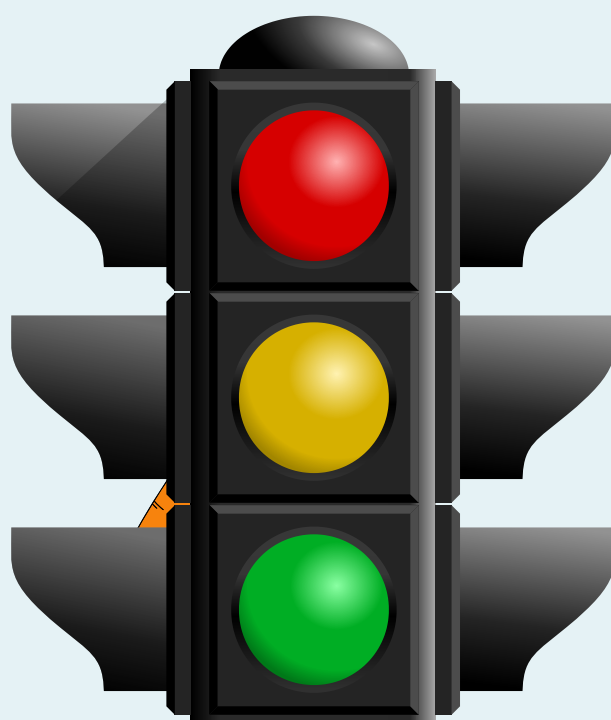


Check out the YouTube video
'Helping my child to talk: Watch & Wait'
(scan QR code)



4. Watch & Wait

watch
wait
respond!



Small world play (e.g. tea set, farm)

Sometimes we jump in and don't give children a chance to communicate their thoughts and ideas!

Pause. Wait a few seconds to see what your child does or says. For example, when playing with a tea set, wait to see what they show interest in. If they pick up the teapot you could prepare your cup...then wait to see what happens.

"A cup of tea! Thank you for the tea!"



Picture books

When you turn to a new page, pause before reading the words. This gives your child a chance to look at the pictures.

Playing ball

When it is your turn with the ball, pause before throwing it back. Look at them to show you are interested in them. Waiting a few extra seconds can encourage a point, a noise, or maybe a word. Respond to whatever they do or say!

