

Hanen Centre Talking with Young Children

Follow the Child's Lead



Observe, Wait, Listen



Be face to face



Imitate



Interpret



Comment



Join in and play



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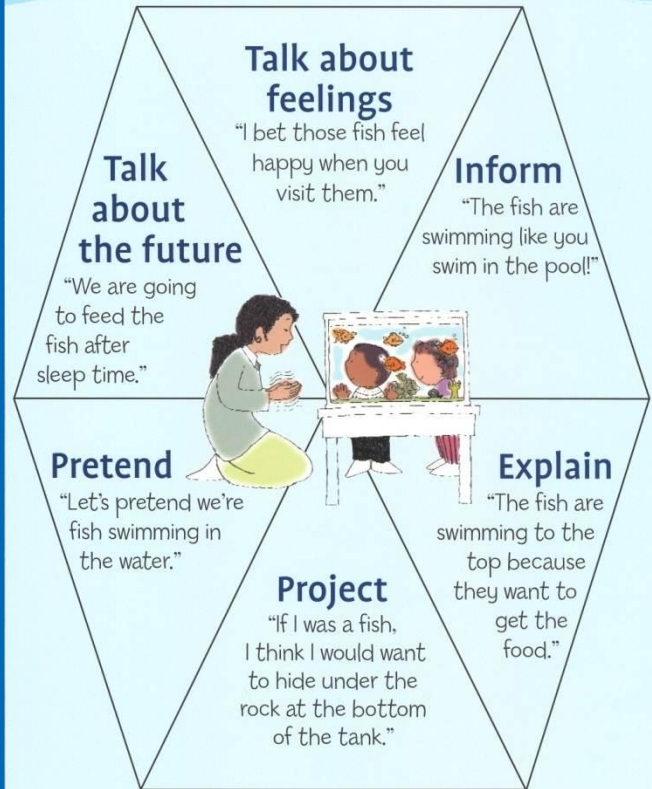
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- Observe, Wait, Listen**
- **Observe** child's focus of attention, facial expressions, body language
 - **Wait** to give child time to express himself
 - **Listen** carefully to child's attempts to communicate

- Interpret**
- **Guess** what child is saying
 - **Repeat** with questioning tone
 - **Explain** you don't understand and encourage child to try again

Some ways to comment

Extend the Topic



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Some ways to join in and play.

Adjust the Way You Talk



Say less and stress
Go slow and show



Expand on what the child says **Label with a variety of words**



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