Did you know that play isn’t just fun? It’s an important part of healthy development. When your child plays, they learn important skills and their brain grows. When you and your child play together, it builds your relationship.

**How does your child serve during play?** They might serve by saying something, doing something or looking at something. You share their focus when you notice what they’re interested in and put your attention there too.

**What does Serve & Return look like during playtime?** Once you’ve noticed your child’s serve, you might return with encouragement by acknowledging them, cheering them on or joining the game. Or maybe they need some support like a hug or a helping hand. When you name objects, actions or things, you help them learn language.

**How do you keep the interaction going back and forth?** When you notice and respond to your child’s serves and then wait for them to take a turn, it can lead to longer back and forth interaction that’s packed with learning. Keep an eye out for how your child shows you they’re all done with a particular book or game. How do they serve to start something new?

Serve & Return interactions during play can help your child learn thinking skills, social skills, and language. It also helps build your relationship.

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