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## WHAT IS IT?

“WAIT TIME” IS PAUSING FOR 7-10 SECONDS AFTER SPEAKING TO GIVE YOUR CHILD TIME TO PROCESS WHAT YOU SAID.

## WHY DO WE USE IT?

CHILDREN WHO ARE ACQUIRING SPOKEN LANGUAGE OFTEN NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TIME TO PROCESS THE INFORMATION THEY ARE HEARING. USING WAIT TIME GIVES YOUR CHILD THE TIME FOR THEIR BRAIN TO MAKE SENSE OF WHAT THEY HEARD AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESPOND.

## WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AT HOME

PARENT: “WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IN THIS MOVIE?” \*PAUSES AND COUNTS 7-10 SECONDS IN THEIR HEAD WHILE LOOKING TOWARD THE CHILD FOR A RESPONSE.

\*\*CHILD DOESN'T ANSWER, MIGHT LOOK CONFUSED, OR ANSWER WITH SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE\*

PARENT: “WHO DO YOU LIKE BEST IN THIS MOVIE?” \*PAUSES AGAIN AND COUNTS 7-10 SECONDS IN THEIR HEAD WHILE LOOKING TOWARD THE CHILD FOR A RESPONSE.

\* CHILD: \*AFTER A FEW SECONDS\* “ I LIKE THE PRINCESS BEST!”