

PAUSING

ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR THE CHILD TO RESPOND BEFORE YOU SPEAK AGAIN

USEFUL FOR:

- Children who need extra time to understand
- Children who need extra time to think of their reply
- Children who are quite or reluctant talkers
- Bilingual children
- Children who stammer

WHEN TO USE:

- Whenever you have spoken to the child, especially when you have asked a question

HOW TO DO:

- After you ask a question, keep looking at the child to show you are waiting
- Smile!
- Count to 8 – 10 in your head
- Some children may need even longer pauses

WHY USE IT:

- Allows extra processing time
- Reduces pressure on the child to talk
- Children will give fuller answers, which helps their language develop and helps you see what they see