

# WAITING

**Wait for your child to comment, react, or ask for more with a gesture or a word.**

If your child does not say anything after you have waited five to ten seconds, model the words that they could have said. For example:

**Caregiver:** "We are going to put the block \_\_\_\_\_." Wait five to ten seconds for child to fill in the word "on".

**Child:** Does not respond.

**Caregiver:** "On. Put the block on." Parent gives child block to put on top of the block tower



- **Be available** to help your child in situations, but wait for your child to request "help" by making eye contact, bringing the object to you, vocalizing, or saying "help"

## **How to connect with support:**

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children's Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

**Visit** [www.lansdownecentre.ca/speech](http://www.lansdownecentre.ca/speech)

**Call** toll free 1-800-454-7186 ext. 507



Additional Resource:  
**Worth the Wait, Speech Interactions**  
(Printable, Lansdowne website)