

Wait, Ask, Say, Show, Do

After giving a directive use the WASSD prompting hierarchy to support a child in completing your directive. The following illustrates using this technique after prompting a child to "Pick up the block."



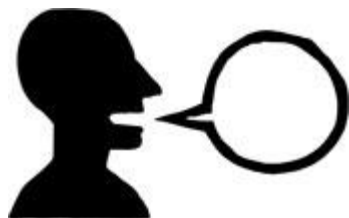
Wait: 5 seconds to see if the child will perform the task independently.

- Give behavior specific praise if the child complies.
- If no response then move to...



Ask: "What do you need to do?" and wait 5 seconds...

- Give behavior specific praise if the child complies.
- If no response then move to...



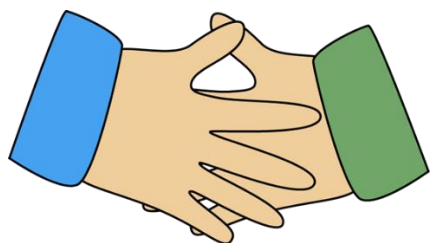
Say: "You need to pick up the block" and wait 5 seconds...

- Give behavior specific praise if the child complies.
- If no response then move to...



Show/Model: Point to the block and gesture toward the box while saying "Pick up the block" and wait 5 seconds.../ Model picking up the block and then say "You do it"

- Give behavior specific praise if the child complies.
- If no response then move to...



Do: Assist the child, hand-over-hand, with as little physical assistance as possible. Let the child be as independent as possible, making sure that you follow through on your direction.

- Give behavior specific praise for completing the task ("Great job picking up the block!")

