Offer Wait Time

1. Observe your child’s interests. Give encouraging expectant looks for him to interact. Listen closely to what your child says.

2. Stop in mid-song for a baby to react. Allow a toddler time to think of ideas. Pause for a preschooler to initiate conversations.

3. By offering wait time, you help children be aware of what was heard, how to respond, and when words are expected.

For more family-friendly materials about childhood hearing loss, listening/language/speech and education visit http://www.jtc.org/ideas-advice/video-tips/