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Prevent Strategy

Following Your Child's Lead



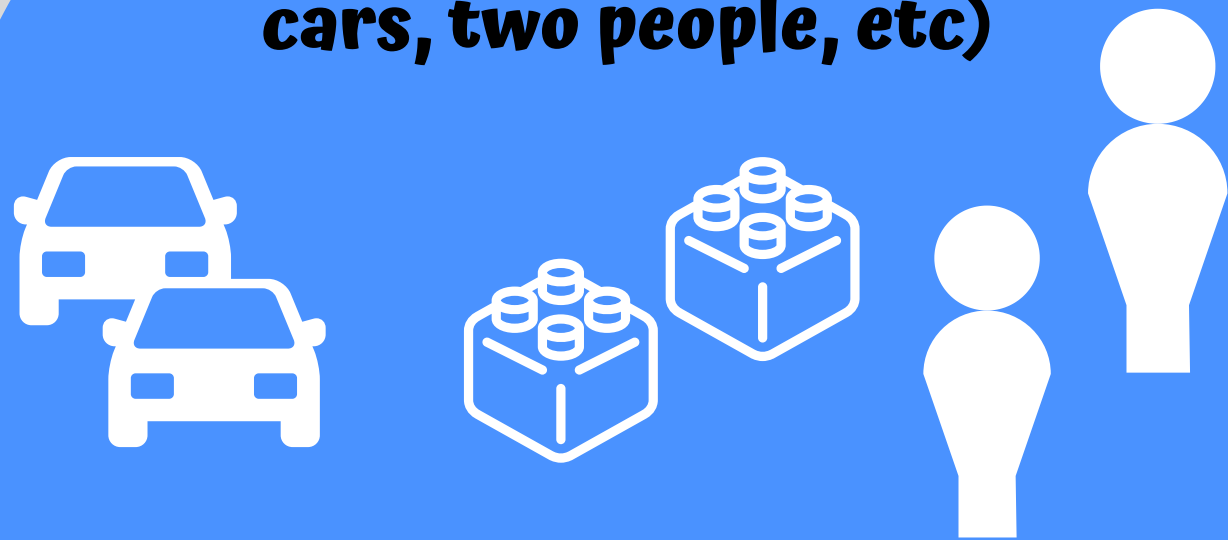
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Play is an ideal time to have positive and meaningful interactions with your child. Letting your child direct the play allows for a good balance of independence and interaction!

Take a turn...

Set up...

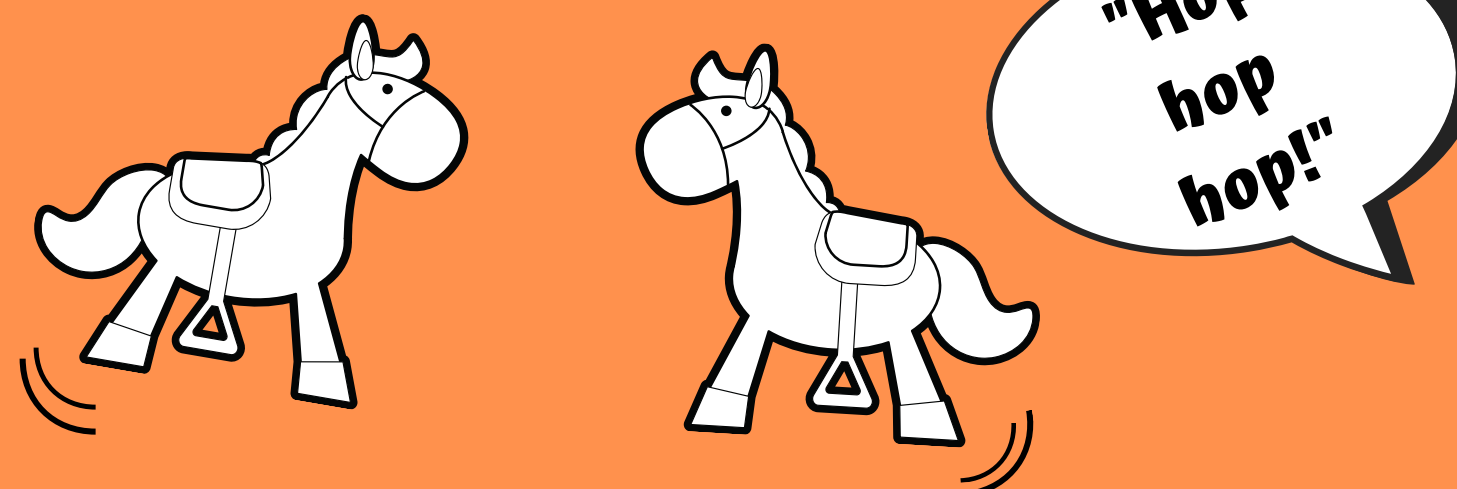
Put out at least two of the same types of toys (ex: two cars, two people, etc)



Watch your child and **WAIT** for them to play with the toys first!



If your child moves a toy without talking, copy them and label their action (ex: child hops horse... you hop horse and say, "hop!")



If your child moves a toy and says what they're doing, copy their action + words and expand by adding one action + word (ex: child moves car and says "drive" ... you move car quickly and say, "car drives fast!")

Wait, and repeat!

Wait for your child to take a turn, and then repeat the process!



You may feel bored by the repetition and waiting, but resist the urge to push the play too much! Your child is learning a lot!



For more information about playing with your child, click [here](#).

