

COMMUNICATIVE TEMPTATIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPEECH DELAYS

1. Eat a desired food item in front of the child without offering any to the child.
2. Activate a wind-up toy, let it deactivate, and hand it to the child.
3. Give the child four blocks to drop in a box, one at a time (or use some other action that the child will repeat, such as stacking the blocks or dropping the blocks on the floor); then immediately give the child a small animal figure to drop in the box.
4. Look through a few books or a magazine with the child.
5. Open a jar of bubbles, blow bubbles, and then close the jar tightly and give the closed jar to the child.
6. Initiate a familiar and an unfamiliar social game with the child until the child expresses pleasure: then stop the game and wait.
7. Blow up a balloon and slowly deflate it; then hand the deflated balloon to the child or hold the deflated balloon up to your mouth and wait.
8. Hold a food item or toy that the child dislikes out near the child to offer it.
9. Place a desired food item or toy in a clear container that the child cannot open while the child is watching; then put the container in front of the child and wait.
10. Place the child's hands in a cold, wet, or sticky substance, such as Jell-O, pudding, or paste.
11. Roll a ball to the child; after the child returns the ball three times, immediately roll another toy to the child.
12. Engage the child in putting together a puzzle. After the child has put in three pieces, offer the child a piece that does not fit.
13. Engage the child in an activity with a substance that can be easily spilled (or dropped, broken, torn, etc.). Suddenly spill some of the substance on the table or floor in front of the child and wait.