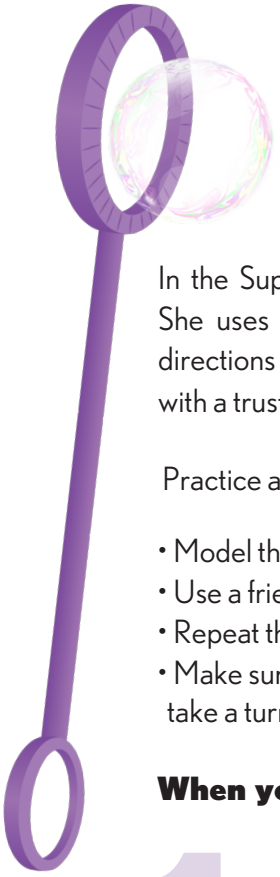

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Support Turn-Taking

In the Support Turn-Taking I1 video, the teacher supports turn taking by playing a peek-a-boo game. She uses words like, "You try," and "Now, you do it again." She encourages the play by providing directions and offering support with pulling the scarf off the baby's head. Engaging in back-and-forth play with a trusted adult forms the foundation for taking turns with peers and other caregivers later on in life.

Practice applying the key concepts demonstrated in this activity on your own:

- Model the play by first doing it yourself.
- Use a friendly, playful voice and talk with the baby throughout the play.
- Repeat the activity many times while encouraging the baby to participate.
- Make sure to pause after you talk or do an action to give the baby enough time to respond and learn how to take a turn.

When you are finished, reflect on the following questions.

1. What activity did you play with the baby? What was the baby's response?

2. What specifically did you model? What words of encouragement did you use to engage the child?

3. How many turns did you take? How many turns did the baby take? How did you know the baby was having fun?

4. Next time, what could you do differently to encourage the baby to take a turn and stay engaged in the activity?

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