

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Explain and Demonstrate How Things Work

In the infant 1 video, the teacher is explaining and demonstrating how a toy rolls away. Teachers can play fun and exciting games like this to help infants and toddlers learn how things work. The teacher in the video explains and demonstrates by:

- pushing the toy away and saying, "Push away and it comes to you"
- repeating simple instructions and actions
- explaining differences between toys

Practice applying the key strategies demonstrated in this interaction on your own:

- Use a gentle tone of voice and be patient.
- Explain clearly how the toy works.
- Demonstrate to help children understand, and encourage them to practice.

When you are finished, reflect on the following questions:

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What did you do to explain and demonstrate how a toy works?

2

What did the baby do?

3

What was challenging?
What were roadblocks to explaining and demonstrating how a toy works?

4

What could you have done differently to explain and demonstrate how the toy works?

