HOW TO PLAY DUMB & SABOTAGE

Mindfully under-anticipate the child's needs and create opportunities to practice language

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Don't ask Yes/No questions (unless you're ready to honor the No)

- Offer choices
- Give a direction
- Say it in a statement

Slow your speech down

- Tap or clap out syllables
- Sing it
- Elongate your sounds
- Emphasize what's important
- Be dramatic and animated

Snacks & Meals

- Just give 1-3 pieces at a time
- Only give a little bit of drink at a time
- Offer choices, holding items shoulder width apart

Playtime

- Put a favorite toy in sight but out of reach
- Have the child request for individual pieces to puzzles, building toys, etc.

Dressing Time

- Hold out two choices for each clothing item and ask them which one the want to wear
- Be playful - put pants on your head