

# TIPS FOR TEACHERS ENGAGING CHILDREN IN CONVERSATIONS

Birth to  
Five

## FOLLOW THE C.A.R.



### FOLLOW THE CHILD'S LEAD AND THEN:

- **Comment and wait.**
- **Ask a question and wait.**
- **Respond by adding a little more and wait.**

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