

# Apply EBP's 3 Practical Takeaways

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***“A systematic review of interventions to improve the occupation of play in children with autism.”***

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## ***How Can You Promote Play in Children with Autism?***

Incorporate 1 or all of these 3 in your interventions!

**1**

### ***Imitate the child***

**Has strong evidence support**

- ✓ Engage child in joint attention (JA) play
- ✓ Follow the child's lead and interests in play activities
- ✓ Imitate materials, verbalizations and intonations used by child

**2**

### ***Model for the child***

**Has moderate to strong evidence support**

- ✓ Use an adult or peer to model play
- ✓ Use video modeling
- ✓ Engage child in play dialogue

**3**

### ***Modify the play environment***

**Has moderate evidence support**

- ✓ Use visuals to promote understanding and performance
- ✓ Alter sensory features of play environment
- ✓ Try different play partners, such as another adult or a peer