



Teaching children is an important part of parenting. The way children are taught affects how well they learn. One type of teaching that results in positive learning outcomes for children is called the Teaching Loop and is made up of four parts: Alerting, Instruction, Performance, and Feedback. The Teaching Loop helps organize the interaction and makes learning a new task easy for children to understand.

Alerting – Getting your child’s attention. To get your child to pay attention you can give them the materials to play with, show the materials to them, or talk to them about the materials.

Instruction – Explaining to your child what it is you want them to do or what you are going to do together. This can be done either through words or showing them.

Performance – Allowing time for your child to do the activity or task.

Feedback – Talking to your child about what he/she has done or showing your child through smiling, nodding, clapping how you feel about his/her performance. Your words or actions may be positive, negative, or constructive. Positive or constructive feedback is best for learning.