# Giving Reflective Feedback

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| **Step 1:** Give reflective feedback on the action.  
*Everybody’s trying to sleep in the same bed.* | **Step 1:** Give reflective feedback on the action.  
*Oh, you’re making beds on the floor.* |
| **Step 2:** Describe the underlying feeling.  
*There’s not enough room, and kids are getting hurt.* | **Step 2:** Describe the underlying feeling.  
*Now there will be beds for everyone. When so many people stay together in one house, people may have to sleep on the floor.* |
| **Step 3:** Redirect the behavior.  
*Let’s make some room on the floor so everyone will have room to sleep.* | **Step 3:** Say what you’re going to do or offer ways to extend play.  
*Let’s make everyone comfy. Would you like me to find a blanket and pillow for you?* |
| **Step 4:** Suggest a positive resolution.  
*Now we’re all comfy.* | |

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