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Example: Child refuses to sleep in his or her room because location of bed has changed.

Implication: Accept child's reasoning; use same bed position or introduce change slowly.

Centration: Focusing on one aspect rather than considering all possible alternatives

Example: Child refuses to eat a food because of its color even though its taste and smell are acceptable.

Implication: Accept child's reasoning.

Animism: Attributing lifelike qualities to inanimate objects

Example: Child scolds stairs for making child fall down.

Implication: Join child in the "scolding." Keep frightening objects out of view.

Irreversibility: Inability to undo or reverse the actions initiated physically

Example: When told to stop doing something (such as talking), child is unable to think of a positive activity.

Implication: State requests or instructions positively (e.g., "Be quiet.").

Magical thinking: Believing that thoughts are all-powerful and can