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1. In the first video, “Dancing” (vulva and penis), what did the vulva do to express positive feelings or possible consent?
2. What did the vulva do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the penis was doing?
3. In the second video, “Laughing” (breast and hand), what did the breast do to express positive feelings or possible consent?
4. What did the breast do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the hand was doing?
5. In the third video, “Whistling” (butt and penis), what did the butt do to express positive feelings or possible consent?
6. What did the butt do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the penis was doing?
7. What could the penises or hand have done to make sure the vulva, breast or butt was interested in sexual activity?
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1. In the first video, “Dancing” (vulva and penis), what did the vulva do to express positive feelings or possible consent? *Smiling, facing the penis, dancing along with the penis*
2. What did the vulva do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the penis was doing? *Jumped back, frowned, “Hey!”, stopped dancing, turned away*
3. In the second video, “Laughing” (breast and hand), what did the breast do to express positive feelings or possible consent? *Smiling, laughing, close together with the hand, relaxed and happy sigh after laughing*
4. What did the breast do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the hand was doing? *Changed expression, stopped laughing, froze, “Whoa”, pushed away, “Yeah...” while shaking no*
5. In the third video, “Whistling” (butt and penis), what did the butt do to express positive feelings or possible consent? *Smiling, watching the penis, following the penis with interest*
6. What did the butt do to express negative feelings or non-consent about what the penis was doing? *Stepped back, “mmh-mmh” while shaking no, sigh of relief and visible relaxation when penis left*
7. What could the penises or hand have done to make sure the vulva, breast or butt was interested in sexual activity? *Asked a verbal question to confirm consent - “Is this okay? Do you like this? Do you want to do this? What do you like? Can I...?”*
8. List three additional non-verbal ways to express consent. *Moan, nod head yes, guide hand, press close, etc.*
9. List three additional non-verbal ways to express non-consent. *Turn away, push away, change position, shake head no, move hand away, etc.*