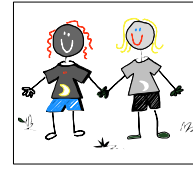


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Taking turns

- Taking turns is an important part of social communication.
- By practising turn taking with your child you will help them to develop an understanding of how we have a conversation.
- Try turn taking with these activities:
 - roll a ball to each other
 - take turns to cuddle a favourite soft toy
 - have a spoon each and take turns to feed dolly
 - take turns to blow bubbles
 - take turns to turn the pages in a book
 - build a tower, taking turns to add the bricks
 - take turns making sounds with a pair of shakers (one each) or tapping a drum
 - use puppets and take turns making your puppets say something, such as, 'Hello' or 'Bye bye'
- Say 'my turn' and 'your turn' as you take a turn.
- Use a gesture, such as, pointing to your chest to indicate 'my turn' and your child's chest for 'your turn'.
- A prompt, such as, 'wait' with a hand gesture, will help your child learn to wait for their turn.
- Always praise 'Good waiting' even if it's only for a short period of time or a few seconds!