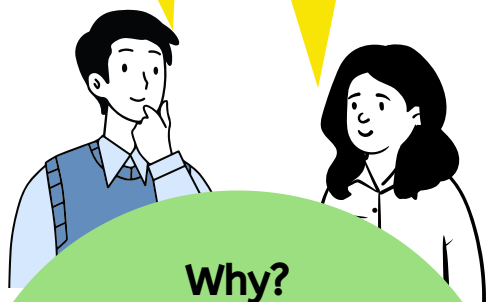


I've tried joining in play and conversations with my child. But they don't always respond to what I am saying or doing.

Try Turn Taking



Why?

Learning to take turns gives our children more opportunity to learn new words and learn about the world around them.



Building a Tower

- Try taking turns to put a block in place to build a tower.
- You could start by building separate towers
- Gradually encourage your child to let you put a block on their tower.
- Give lots of praise

What can I do?

- Every time we have a conversation we take turns to talk.
- Children need us to help them learn to take turns.
- If your child is learning to talk, they can't always use words to take a turn.
- Watch out for your child taking turns using pointing, a glance, a giggle or a sound.
- Encourage your child to take turns in daily routines. Say "my turn", "your turn" to help your child understand.



Ready, Steady, Go

- Roll a car back and forth with your child.
- Say 'ready, steady, go' before you let go.
- Encourage your child to wait for 'go'. They may not do it straight away.
- Be patient and give lots of praise

Other things to try

- Take turns to bang a drum
- Take turns to feed a puppet
- Take turns to roll a ball
- Take turns to complete a puzzle

