

Turn-Taking

Here are some ideas to practice taking turns. This is an important skill for your child to develop – first children learn to take turns in play and then they can start to take turns in conversation.

Below are some activities to try with your child at home. Simple turn taking games could be:

- Spinning top or pressing a switch on a cause and effect toy
- Dropping balls down a tube/helter skelter
- Blowing bubbles

Rolling a car down a ramp

- Building a brick tower

Dropping shapes into a post box or shape sorter

- Banging a drum

Bouncing a ball

More interactive turn taking games - these games involve your child acknowledging someone else is part of the game.

- Peek-a-boo
- Ready Steady Go! games
- Pushing a car back and forth
- Rolling or kicking a ball back and forth
- Hitting a balloon back and forth
- Having a pretend conversation on a toy telephone, taking turns to speak
- Taking turns to pour and drink a pretend cup of tea
- Taking turns to turn a page of a book or open a flap
- Lotto games – taking turns to take a picture
- Inset puzzle – take in turns to place a piece of puzzle
- Taking turns down the slide
- Taking turns to use a cutter for play dough