

Take Turns



Give your child time to speak

Give children equal turns.
This ensures the adult does not do all the talking.



Make sure you **leave plenty of gaps** when you speak so that children can contribute – don't be scared of silence!



Children need to learn that you will listen to them, but they also need to listen to you.

Play games together so that you can practise taking turns. Games like rolling a ball or car to each other, taking turns playing with a toy, or taking turns clapping hands are good for this.

Demonstrate the rhythm of conversation.

Children may respond with a word, sound or gesture. If this happens, acknowledge this and then have another turn.

