



SOCIAL COMMUNICATION @ HOME



What is Social Communication?

Language is about so much more than knowing the vocabulary and grammar! Social communication refers to how we use language in social situations to talk to and connect with other people. Social communication skills are important for making friends and for having conversations with people. You can help their child learn these skills at home through conversations, games, and more!

Social communication includes the following skills:

- **Non-verbal communication** (e.g., gestures, smiles, looking at the person you are talking to)
- **Using language for a variety of reasons** (e.g., saying hello, asking and answering questions, making comments, telling stories)
- **Understanding the “rules” of conversation** (e.g., taking turns in conversation, staying on the same topic for several turns, standing an appropriate distance away)
- **Social problem-solving** (e.g., learning to take turns in games, learning to share toys, learning how to solve problems with peers)



Daily Practice Ideas

Day 1: Play Simon Says

Take turns with your child so you both have a chance to be the “leader”.

Day 2: Play “What time is it Mr. Wolf?”

Again, take turns being the “leader” and play with the whole family!

Day 3: Play a board game together

For example: Go Fish, Memory Games, Guess Who? or I Spy

Day 4: Call or video chat with a family member or friend

Practice having your child describe what he/she did today

Day 5: Pretend play with your child's favourite toys

Join your child for a puppet show, tea party, car chase, etc.

See back of page for additional information and resources!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Check out these links for more resources and activity ideas

- Find lots of great games you can play at home with the TalkBox [Good Times with Games Resource](#)

- Learn more about social communication development at each age here: [Kid Sense Social Communication](#)

-Try some of the suggested activities for young children focused on greetings and introductions, asking for a turn, responding to other kids, and maintaining interactions here: [Social Skills Activities for Preschoolers](#)

