



You will need:



A ball



bubbles



a teddy

Or anything that you can 'take turns' with...



Steps:

Taking turns in play is an excellent way of developing your child's understanding of conversation.

1. Play turn taking games - roll a ball to each other - take turns to cuddle a teddy - take turns to blow bubbles - take turns to turn the pages in a book - Build a tower, taking turns to add the bricks etc
2. Have a pot of bubbles and take turns to blow the bubbles, you could take turns to be the one who 'blows the bubbles' or the one who 'pops' the bubbles.
3. Use "my turn" and "your turn" repetitively and consistently as you take a turn
4. Use a gesture such as touching your chest to indicate "my turn" and "your turn" and encourage your child to copy you
5. Use a prompt, for example, "wait" and an accompanying gesture, for example, your palm facing out, to help your child learn to wait for their turn
6. Praise 'Good waiting' even if it's only for a short period of time or a few seconds!



What's
next?



Have a go at turn taking games with different familiar family members or friends.

Can you and your child play a turn taking game with 1 other person? Reinforcing the turn taking learnt together, use the gestures and phrases such as 'your turn', 'my turn', 'Sam's turn' etc