



Ways to Work on Social Skills

1. When there is something that the child should do socially (socially accepted niceties), prompt it. Example: “Are you OK?” when someone says “Ouch”.
2. Building activities. You can encourage my turn you turn sharing (one child puts on a piece then the other child) and cooperative play (build a _____ together - you may need to start the base).
3. Activities where there are roles that can be rotated through. Example: Bowling - a bowler, pin boy, and person waiting.
4. Prompt to mand to peers. Point out to peers that they are being spoken to if needed.
5. Prompt to follow or imitate peers. Example: “Look, _____ is sliding! You can slide too!”
6. Do not reprimand behavior that is common for a child to do as long as it is safe behavior. Example: Racing a peer to the slide to be first.