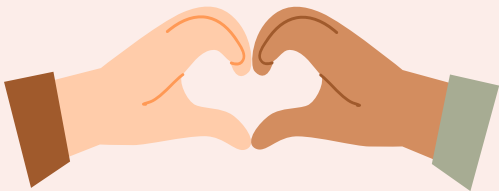


THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS SHARING AND COOPERATION

Sharing and cooperating

Children need to learn to share so they can make and keep friends, play cooperatively, take turns, negotiate and cope with disappointment. Sharing teaches children about compromise and fairness. They learn that if we give a little to others, we can get some of what we want too.

Children learn a lot from just watching what you do at home. When you model good sharing and turn-taking in your family, it gives your child a great example to follow.



How to support sharing

- Talk about why sharing is important – give your child reasons to do it.
- Play games that promote turn taking or sharing and talk about what you are doing. 'First it is my turn and then it is yours.'
- Spot other people sharing and talk about it. 'Wasn't it kind of your friends to share the ball with you?'
- Praise your child when they share or take turns well.

How to support cooperation

- Cooperation means to work together to get something accomplished. We need specific skills to be able to do this.
- Your child needs to be able to listen to others and try to understand their point of view.
- They also need to be able to speak up about their own feelings.
- Problem solving is important in cooperating as children need to be able to find solutions without arguing.
- Talking things through with your child and discussing compromising will help them to understand how to negotiate with their peers when they need to cooperate.



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