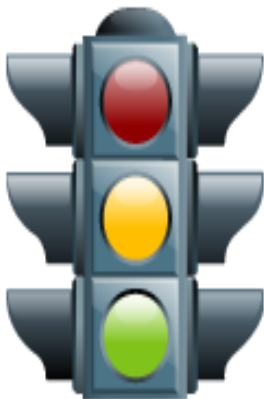


Why should I take turns in play?

- ✓ Children need **to learn to take turns** in play before they will be able to take 'talking' turns in conversations.
- ✓ Taking turns means that play & conversation will **be balanced**.
- ✓ Taking turns will make **you slow down** and let your **child control the pace** of the interaction & play.
- ✓ By **waiting** you give your child **more opportunities** to start an interaction. This extra time will encourage your child to **try out new words**.
- ✓ When your child starts an interaction, you will be able to **respond to what your child says or does**.

How do I take turns in play?



STOP what you are doing

LOOK & LISTEN ...what is your child doing / saying?

Younger children will take their turns using an action, gesture, sound or a just by looking. Later they will also use words & sentences.

RESPOND - copy what child is doing
- say what child is doing
- repeat what child says
- repeat and add to what child says

- ✓ Some toys & activities promote taking turns (e.g. actions turns - when rolling a ball & building a tower e.g. talking / looking turns - to request more bubbles)