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#### Turn Taking Games.

Taking turns is an important part of communication development for young children. When children learn to take turns, they learn the basic rhythm of communication, that back-and-forth exchange between people. They also learn about taking turns and communication through serve and return interactions.

Turn taking games encourage children to build on many areas of their development, particularly their social and communication skills. By learning to wait, listen, share and take part in a structured interaction with adults and other children.

Start initially by taking turns with one adult.

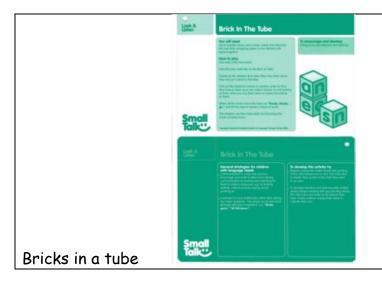
Then introduce other children one at a time when the child is ready.

Use turn taking language "Charlie's turn", "Tommy's turn".

Can the child begin to indicate whose turn it is next?



See below for some ideas.







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Puzzle in a bag



Ball run



Shape sorters take turns putting the shapes in.



Building a tower of bricks



Sand tray- one large bucket, 2 or 3 spades.
Children take turns putting a spade full of sand

in the bucket



Water tray - one waterwheel, 2 or 3 jugs.

Children take turns pouring water through the waterwheel.



Musical instruments - children take a turn to play the selected instrument. Or one large drum, 2 beaters, children take turns to bang

the drum.



What's in the box?





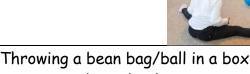
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Taking turns blowing bubbles.



Rolling a ball or car back and forth with another adult or child.



Taking turns rolling a car down a slope or piece of guttering.

Taking turns going down the slide or over climbing equipment.



Throwing a bean bag/ball in a box or at a target, or through a hoop.



Posting games using posting box and picture cards.



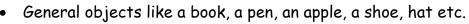
What do you do with it?
Puppet Socks Wellie boot



Feed the puppet



- A puppet- you can even make this using a sock and googly eyes.
- Object picture cards-flash cards





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You can differentiate the objects to meet the developmental stage of the children and link it to topics and activities.

Here is one for you to watch......



#### A Turn taking video on YouTube

https://youtu.be/HK25g1U-GF4

For additional activity ideas using 'Small Talk' cards which were developed by Greenwich Speech and Language Therapy Service ask your Area SENCo