

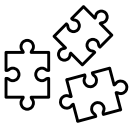


TURN TAKING

Turn taking is an important skill for your child to learn. At first, children learn to take turns in play. Later, children understand how to take turns “talking” in interactions. Turn taking helps increase a child’s attention span, and promotes eye contact.

Activity Examples for turn taking:

Activity	Making It Interactive	Using Words to Label
Ball 	Play catch, roll ball back and forth, throw ball in a box	ball, throw, in, bounce, catch, roll
Blocks 	Build a tower together, take blocks off one at a time	block, on, off, fall down, crash
Puzzle 	Put together a puzzle one piece at a time	names on puzzle piece, more, put in, take out

TAKE TURNS BY...

- Setting a limited number of turns that you expect your child to take at first (e.g., place two blocks on the tower before they leave)
- Labelling turns from your child’s perspective, (e.g., “[Child’s name]’s turn” and “Mommy’s turn.”)
- Using phrases such as, “One more block” and “Blocks are all done.”
- Increasing the number of turns you expect your child to take, based on how they respond to the activity
- Taking your turn quickly to keep your child’s interest

How to connect with support:

Anyone with a concern about their child's development can contact SmartStart Hub at Lansdowne Children’s Centre to start the referral process and seek support.

No diagnosis or doctor referral is required. There is NO COST to the family for accessing SmartStart Hub services, supports and resources.

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