Social skills for kids

Tips

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Sharing means letting someone use a toy or space with you or giving it to them for a while so that they can use it.

Cooperation means: working together, sharing the space and materials, and being friendly.

Respect means that we care about what other people are feeling and those feelings are important to us.

Being a good sport means: playing fairly (playing by the rules), being happy for others when they are doing well, and being okay even when you lose.

When you give someone a compliment you say something nice or kind about them that makes them feel happy or good.

If you see someone playing a game you would like to play, you can go to them and say “Can I play with you?”

If you ask someone to play with you and they say “no”, here are some things you can do:

Say “Ok, maybe later.”

Find someone else and ask them to play.

Find something else to do by yourself for a while.

Ways to start conversations

“Your toy looks really cool! What does it do?”

“My favorite color is blue. What is your favorite color?”

“I like to play soccer. What do you like to play?”