Lesson 21: Fair Ways to Play



What Is My Child Learning?

Your child is learning that sharing, trading, and taking turns are Fair Ways to Play with toys with other children.

Why Is This Important?

Having Fair Ways to Play with others helps children make and keep friends.

Ask your child: **What are Fair Ways to Play with toys with other children?** *Second Step* answers:

- **1.** Sharing, or playing together. **What can you say?** "May I share that toy with you?"
- 2. Trading. What can you say? "Would you like to trade this toy for that one?"
- **3.** Taking turns. **What can you say?** "Please, may I have a turn?"



Practice at Home

When your child is playing with another child, remind them to use Fair Ways to Play. If you notice them having trouble, ask them to choose one of the Fair Ways to Play. For example:

I see you are having some trouble playing together. What would be a fair way to play with that toy? Wait for one or both of the children to respond. If they can't remember what they are, remind them: You can take turns with the toy, you can play together with the toy, or you can play with different toys and trade after three minutes. I can set the timer for you. Have the children pick a fair way to play.

Activity

Have your child draw a picture of two children using one of the Fair Ways to Play in the box below, or use a separate piece of paper. Then check which of the fair ways you think he or she drew.

Sharing	☐ Trading	☐ Taking Turns
(CHILD'S NAME)	(DATE)	(ADULT'S SIGNATURE)