

# Sharing and Taking Turns

A free printable social story for ages 3-7

Sharing and turn-taking are foundational social skills, but they rarely develop without explicit teaching and lots of practice. This story gives children the words and the why in concrete, playable terms. Preschool teachers and speech therapists often pair it with timer-based turn games.

When I play with other kids, we share and take turns.

Taking turns means one person goes, then another person goes.

When it is my turn, I get to play.

When it is someone else's turn, I wait.

Waiting can feel long. I can count, watch, or cheer for my friend.

A timer can help us know when to switch turns.

I can use my words: "Can I have a turn, please?"

When someone asks me for a turn, I can say, "Sure, after my turn is done."

Sharing does not mean giving my toy away forever. I get it back.

Some special toys can stay put away when friends visit. That is okay too.

When I share, my friends feel happy, and they like to share with me.

Taking turns makes games fair and fun for everyone.

I am learning to share, and that helps me be a good friend.

## Tips for Reading This Story Together

- Use a visible sand timer or phone timer for turns so the wait has a concrete end the child can see.
- Narrate turns during everyday moments (my turn to stir, your turn) long before conflicts arise.
- Let your child protect one or two special toys before a playdate; guaranteed safety makes generosity with the rest easier.
- Praise the specific skill in the moment: you waited for your turn, that was great sharing.

---

[Read this story online](#) · [More free social stories](#)

Personalize this story with your child's name for free at [nameinabook.com](http://nameinabook.com) — built by the nonprofit Opportunity Hack.