

## Top Tip 4: Take turns when talking

### Ideas for Developing Turn Taking during Conversation

#### Talking and Playing

- \* Follow your child's interest. Use whatever toy your toddler is interested in playing with to start a conversation. Start by commenting on what she is doing with the toy. When it's your turn, you can ask her to talk about what you are doing. Or, you could choose to each talk during your turn.



#### Talking and Reading

- \* Reading books is a great opportunity for turn taking. You can switch who turns the pages, who comments on the pictures, or who says the words. Favorite songs and nursery rhymes can also be used that way, with alternating lines for each of you.



### Top Tips for Talking:

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Good idea! We can have a picnic!



I think we should go to the beach.



## Top Tips for Talking (4)

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Increasing the skills and confidence of parents and carers in the Early Years to support language development

## Top Tip 4:

### Take turns when talking

#### Why is this important?

- ✓ This shows the child that you both have an equal and important part to play when talking or playing together.
- ✓ This time provides an opportunity to model good listening and good talking.
- ✓ It will allow the child to practise their social skills that will be needed when interacting with their peers.



#### How can I do this?

- ✓ Take turns when communicating so that the adult and the child both get a turn at talking.
- ✓ Don't take over or control the play or conversation.
- ✓ Use comments about what the child is doing and what you are doing to create an opportunity for conversation.
- ✓ When playing together encourage the child to tell you what to do.