

Taking Turns

Getting My Turn to Talk in Class

Sometimes in a classroom there are many students who have important things to say.

It is hard for a teacher to hear if everyone is talking at the same time.

When a student has something to say, they usually raise their hand. If I raise my hand and sit quietly, my teacher might call on me so I can talk.

If I want to talk to the teacher during the class, I will try to raise my hand and wait for the teacher to call on me.

How Lines Work

When many students need to move from one place to another, they will move in a line.

Often there are many people in a line. There are rules when walking in a line at school.

Some of the rules are

listen for the teachers direction

keep hands and feet to self

have a quiet mouth

stay behind the person in front and follow
the teacher or line leader

everyone walks together at the same time

When we follow the rules we will be safe and get to where we are going together.

I will try to follow the rules of walking in a line.
My teacher likes it when the children follow the rules of walking in a line.

Is It Easy to Take Turns?

Sometimes children take turns easily, and sometimes it is more difficult. This is okay. It is usually easier for children to take turns when there is an adult to help them.

Sometimes children make mistakes as they learn to take turns. Taking a toy from a child without asking is a mistake. An adult can help. Little by little, children learn what to do when someone makes a mistake taking turns.

Waiting For My Turn to Talk

Sometimes I have things I want to say. It feels like I have to say it right that second. It's important to wait until the other person is finished talking.

When we talk with each other, it is polite to take turns talking. First one person talks while I listen. Then I talk while the other person listens.

Even though it feels important, I will try to wait patiently for my turn to talk.

Waiting for my turn to talk is a polite thing to do.

What is Taking Turns?

Sometimes, children want to play with the same toy. They may need to take turns with the toy. A “Turn” is a chance to play with the toy. Each child has a turn playing with the toy. Usually I will have a turn to play with the toy.

When Is It My Turn?

Sometimes it may be difficult to know when it is my turn. Adults can help. An adult may ask me to wait for my turn, saying, “ _____, please wait. “Wait” means my turn is coming. “Wait” may also mean it’s a good time to play with another toy. Adults will try to show me what “wait” means.

When it’s my turn, someone may say, “ _____, its your turn!” That means other children will wait.