

# Social Skills Activities for Kids with Autism

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	TIPS FOR THE TEACHER
Improve verbal communication	Role-playing	Create social scenarios (like greeting a friend, asking for help) for the child to practice appropriate verbal responses.	Encourage the child with praise and positive reinforcement.
Enhance active listening	Telephone game	Children pass a phrase by whispering it to the next child, reinforcing listening and concentration.	Adjust the length and complexity of the message based on the child's level.
Develop understanding of emotions	Emotion cards	Use cards showing different emotions and ask the child to identify and name these emotions.	Encourage the child to look in the mirror and mimic facial expressions.
Improve social interactions	Collaborative board game	Choose a board game that encourages cooperation rather than competition, like cooperative puzzles or building games.	Promote discussion and collective decision-making during the game.
Reinforce turn-taking	Circle conversation games	Arrange a circle where each child must ask a question or make a comment, reinforcing respect for turn-taking.	Be patient and give each child time to formulate their response.
Learn conflict management	Conflict role-play	Act out common conflict situations and discuss together the best ways to resolve them.	Involve the child in conflict resolution by suggesting solutions.
Encourage teamwork	Group project	Organize an activity where children must work together to accomplish a common task, like building something or preparing a play.	Encourage discussion and collaboration throughout the project.
Improve conversation skills	Paired discussions	Form pairs and give them a discussion topic to encourage them to exchange ideas and listen to each other.	Regularly change the topic to maintain the children's interest.
Develop empathy	Reading stories about emotions	Read stories that explore emotions and social situations, then discuss with the children the feelings of the characters.	Ask open-ended questions to encourage children to express their own emotions.

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