

CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGE TIPS & RESOURCES

For in-person and virtual interactions



VIDEO MODELS

GREETINGS

- Appropriate vs Inappropriate Greetings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAsgrFxtmSA>
- Introductions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBDWrQs6Ou8>
- Eye Contact: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEKslkuE7tw&ab_channel=EverydaySpeech

ASKING QUESTIONS

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0s-0aYRYpDY>

COMMENTING

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GofBaXi2sE>

CLOSING, SAYING GOODBYE

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meS9QRoXSZY&ab_channel=Walsh81793
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxBOnvAradk&ab_channel=CasaOT

WHOLE BODY LISTENING

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uT3qz7wWmE&ab_channel=EverydaySpeech

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TIPS & IDEAS

- Practice parts of conversations with your child. See video models on the left.
- Role play & talk about commenting, asking questions, greeting, and saying goodbye – pretend you're someone the child just met, or someone they've known for a while.
- Brainstorm good questions to ask friends, e.g., How was your weekend? What did you do today? Consider making a list.
- Brainstorm topics/areas of interest that they have in common with friends, e.g., school, music, trucks, pets/animals. Consider making a topic board to use with family and friends as a visual.
- Establish conversation guidelines (or rules) such as:
 - Look at the person you're talking with
 - Wait your turn to talk (i.e., don't interrupt)
 - Ask the other person a question

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Online group with an SLP: <https://zencare.co/therapy-group/support-on-the-spectrum> (\$20/50 minute session)
- Autism and Asperger Network: <https://www.aane.org/>
 - online free support groups and community connection sessions for adults with autism
- Find your local Fragile X Chapter to see if they have any virtual or in-person options: <https://fragilex.org/living-with-fragile-x/community-support/>

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:

- <https://fragilex.org/behavior/building-social-supports-a-guide-for-parents/>
- <https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2020/04/zoo-m-tips-for-parents-of-autistic-children.html>



ONLINE GAMES TO PLAY OVER ZOOM

IF YOU SET-UP AN ONLINE GET TOGETHER/PLAYDATE,
CONSIDER PLANNING A GAME TO PLAY:

- **Jackbox TV games** (purchase required): jackbox.tv
 - Some are for children ages 9 and up, while most are rated T for teen.
- **Air Console games** (starter pack is free): <https://www.airconsole.com/>
 - Uses smartphones as controllers. It has 11 games including racing games, a Mario Kart like game, and sports games (recommended for older kids).
- **Online card games:** <https://playingcards.io/>
 - This website allows up to 6 people to play classic card games at one time. One person shares a "room link" and the rest of the players join that room. The children can zoom/call at the same time to communicate with one another. Card games include checkers, go fish, hearts, and more.
- **Skribblo:** <https://skribbl.io/>
 - This game is like the online version of Pictionary. One person can create a private room and invite their friends via a private link.
- **Charades:** <https://www.getcharadesideas.com/charades-for-kids/>
 - You can choose the category (movies, books, or TV shows) and then play charades via zoom.
- **Battleship:** <http://en.battleship-game.org/>
 - Choose the "Friend" option under "Opponent" and send your friend a link to join; then play while on Zoom together!
- **Spot the Difference:** <https://www.neok12.com/games/photo-game/photo-game.htm>
 - Share the screen and spot the differences together! Make it a competition and keep track of how many differences they find or work as a team to find them all.
- **Autcraft:** <https://www.autcraft.com/>
 - A whitelisted Minecraft server for children (and adults) with ASD and their families.
- **Freeze dance** (not online – just held via zoom)
 - One parent can play music and children can dance and then freeze when the music stops.
- **Simon Says** (not online – just held via zoom)
- **Other free games:** <https://mommypoppins.com/kids/9-free-online-games-for-kids-to-play-together>

*For more information, please visit our website:
<https://riddll.waisman.wisc.edu/>*

