

Helping Your Child Join Conversations or Play Dates

WHY THIS MATTERS

Joining in isn't just about words — it's about timing, confidence, and understanding cues. Many children who speak well still struggle to enter social interactions smoothly.

Try these gentle strategies

- ✓ Find the opening. Teach simple entry lines:
- ✓ "Can I play too?"
- ✓ "That looks fun — can I have a turn after you?"
- ✓ Model in real life. Role-play with you, siblings, or toys before real play dates.
- ✓ Praise effort. "You asked so politely to join — that was great!"
- ✓ Debrief later. After play, discuss what went well and what felt tricky.
- ✓ Observe first. Encourage your child to watch for a moment:
"Let's see what game they're playing."

Confidence grows from
success in small steps,
not perfect performance.



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