



# Taking Turn

## Autism & ABA Therapy Social Skills

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### Activity Title:

"Share the Fun: A Turn-Taking and Sharing Game"

### Objective:

To help the child understand the importance of sharing and taking turns, and to practice these skills in an engaging group setting.

### Materials Needed:

- A board game or any game that involves multiple players (ensure it's simple and suitable for the child's age and abilities).
- A timer (to regulate turn durations, if necessary).
- Small rewards or incentives (stickers, tokens, etc., for positive reinforcement).

### Activity Setup:

Select a Suitable Game:

- Choose a game that is simple to understand and naturally involves sharing and turn-taking. Examples include board games like "Candy Land," simple card games, or cooperative games where players work together.

Prepare the Environment:

- Set up a quiet, comfortable space for the game with minimal distractions.
- If playing with a group, ensure all participants understand the rules and the importance of sharing and taking turns.

## **Activity Steps:**

### Game Explanation:

- Clearly explain the rules of the game, emphasizing the importance of taking turns and sharing the game materials.

### Structured Turn-Taking:

- Use a timer to set a specific duration for each player's turn if necessary. This helps in setting clear expectations.
- Encourage the child and other players to patiently wait for their turn and to observe others during their turns.

### Role Modeling:

- If the adult is participating, demonstrate good sharing and turn-taking behavior. Compliment others when they do the same.

### Positive Reinforcement:

- Provide immediate positive feedback and small rewards for demonstrating good sharing and turn-taking.
- Reinforce the behavior verbally with phrases like, "Great job waiting for your turn!" or "I like how you shared the pieces."

### Reflection and Discussion:

- After the game, have a brief discussion about how everyone felt about taking turns and sharing.
- Encourage the child to express how they felt and what they learned.

## **Skills Targeted:**

- Practicing patience while waiting for turns.
- Understanding the concept of sharing.
- Enhancing social interaction skills in a group setting.
- Developing empathy by considering others' opportunities to play.