

# Social Skills Lesson Plan



**Age:** 5+

**Time:** 30-45 minutes

**Overview & Purpose:** Learnigo's "Speech in the Social Context" program was created to support foundational pragmatic language skills. This lesson plan is based on this program, which is free to access with our trial. The activities can be used independently or as a supplement for other therapeutic and educational benchmarks.

**Goal:** Students will discuss and practice how to initiate and maintain conversations with peers and adults.

## Learning Objectives

1. Students will identify appropriate responses to common social scenarios.
2. Students will come up with their own responses to common social scenarios.

## Lesson

**Introduction: You can say:** "Every time we talk to someone, we can think about what we are going to say next. This helps us keep the conversation going. For example, if you say "Happy Birthday!" to your friend, you might expect them to say "thank you" in return. If your friend says "I like alligators!" instead, you might be confused and not sure how to respond. Now we are going to practice choosing what to say."

**Warm up: Open the module named "Dialogues and Role Reversal (Level 1)" from the "Message and Communication" section of the "Speech in the Social Context" program.**

Complete this as a warm-up activity. Use as much or as little support as needed. Depending on the child(ren)'s level, you can do Part 1, Part 2, or both.

**Activity: Go to the "Printable Worksheets pt. 2" section of the program. Print "The Board Game" worksheet. Make sure each student has a token/pawn.**

Introduce the activity. You can say: "We're going to play a board game. When it's your turn, you will roll the dice and then pick up a card. There is a challenge on the card that you must do before moving your token on the board. If you need help, you can ask me or a classmate."

Complete the board game activity. Review each of the scenarios. Then, have the child or group of children randomly select a few of the scenarios and act them out. See if the group can guess what the scenario is.

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