

Is able to share toys etc with peers

Strong, warm and supportive relationships with adults enable children to understand their own feelings and those of others. Through adult modelling, guidance and support they will be able to make good friendships, cooperate with one another and resolve conflict.

Typical development

3 to 4 year olds will be learning to:	Shows consideration for others needs e.g giving up a toy when another child wants it
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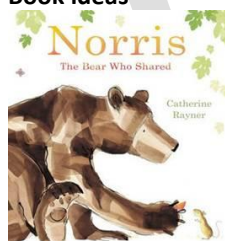
How can practitioners support children to share?

- Does your setting offer a Total Communication environment?
- Consider if you are consistent in your approach with all children, do adults follow through on request to share an object or activity?
- Do you have more than one popular resource e.g. ride on cars outside or scoops in the sandpit?
- Do you offer turn-taking games where the adult and child each has their own toy? E.g. Each taking it in turns to put their own car down a shared ramp, keeping the game brief.
- Do you have a consistent approach both indoors and outside to support turn taking? Are your visuals available in all your environments?
- Do you have conversations and share ideas between setting and home about turn taking approaches, support and expectations?

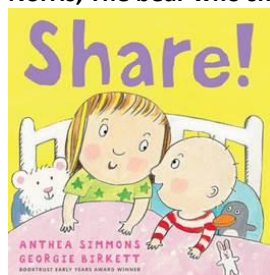
Activity ideas/resources

- Model with clear language how to request, 'I would like a turn with ...'
- Model the use of sand timers to clearly show children how long they have to play before 'sharing' with another child.
- Follow through with sand timers so that the next child also has a go.
- You could use other visuals to support children to independently take their turn, using photographs of children to put on a timeline while they are waiting.
- Adults can model sharing by playing with a favourite toy and shaping the child's ability to share using 'my turn' taking your go then 'your turn' giving them the object to have their go.
- Use a social/photo story with children to explain sharing with friends.

Book ideas



Norris, The bear who shared – by Catherine Rayner



Share! – by Anthea Simmons

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