



Let's Be Friends!

Preschool is a great place for learning how to be a good friend. Children are building friendship skills like showing empathy, sharing, and resolving conflict. They need support and practice as they make friends and play and learn together.

everyday Moments

Friendship

Friendship skills help children develop healthy relationships with peers and with trusted adults. You can practice these skills together at home.

Ideas

- ✿ Take turns listening and talking with each other.
- ✿ Talk about different ways you share.
- ✿ Write a thank-you note to a good friend.
- ✿ Think and talk about someone else's point of view.

Tips

- ✿ Look at facial expressions for clues about feelings.
- ✿ Invite others to play with you.
- ✿ Join in play by focusing on the common activity.
- ✿ Take turns in order to share and to solve problems.

learning Spotlight

Friendship Skills

Whether it's a shy smile or a direct invitation, most preschool children begin to seek out friendships. Share and model strategies to help your child make and keep friends.

Media

Use the carefully selected videos and games to spark lively conversations about your child's friendships. Find them all at sesamestreet.org!

Videos

What Is a Friend?

Friends share and play together. What else do friends do together?

Making Friends

To make new friends, some children start by saying hello and speaking gently. What do you say when you want to make a friend?

We're All the Same

People may seem very different from each other, but everyone is the same in some way. How are you the same as one of your friends?

Chair Sharing

The cavemen work hard to find a way to share. Tell about a time that you found a way to share.

We Worked It Out!

Snuffy and Big Bird want to play together, but they want to play different games. How do they work it out?

Gnorks Play Square Ball

After waiting for an invitation to play, Herbie asks if he can play! Tell about a time you joined friends who were playing.

Games

Music Maker

Choose words to create a song that tells about you. **(desktop)**

Train Track Engineers

Build a train track so engineer Elmo can pick up his friend Grover. **(iOS)**

Oscar's Trash Toss

Help out your friend, Oscar, by getting the trash in the can. **(Android)**

Target Skills

- ✓ Being a friend
- ✓ Fair ways to play
- ✓ Expanding vocabulary

hands-on Activity

I'm a Good Friend

This writing activity reinforces school learning at home. Talk about different ways that you play with your friends and show them that you care. Then make a poster to show one special way that you're a friend!

