

# Foster social interaction using recommended approaches

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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## Support socialisation

Take a planned approach to supporting the development of social skills.

- ▲▲ Have students observe others so that they can learn from them.
- ▲▲ Provide opportunities for supported social engagement with peers and adults.
- ▲▲ Teach specific social understanding skills.
- ▲▲ Coach peers to understand the perspective of the student with ASD.
- ▲▲ Structure social supports, particularly for situations where the rules or conventions are not clearly spelled out, such as at break times.
- ▲▲ Encourage whole-school awareness and understanding of ASD.

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## Teach conversation skills

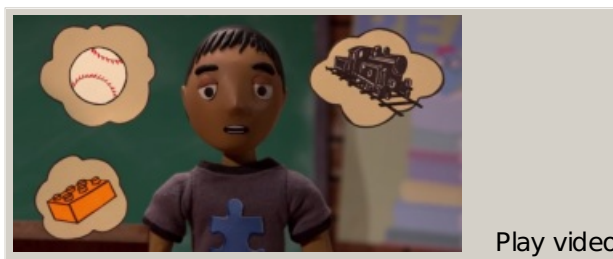
Students with ASD can get stuck on one subject and find it difficult to read facial expressions cueing them when to listen or change subject.

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## Use the social skills tool kit

Explore free social skills resources.

- ▶▶ [Nonverbal prompts](#)
- ▶▶ [Listening prompt sheets](#)
- ▶▶ [Green zone worksheets](#)
- ▶▶ [Pie chart visuals](#)
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## Useful resources

Apps to support learners with ASD, includes social stories on a wide range of topics. These are available individually or as four bundles.

Touch Autism

Publisher: TouchAutism

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