

Useful words/signs/symbols to use....

- My turn / Your turn
- Play
- More / Again
- Where? / What?
- Listen / Look
- Describing words e.g. big, little, colours, loud, quiet...
- Action words e.g. jump, run, hop, dance...

Take turns...

Fun garden games that encourage turn taking include:

- Passing a ball
- Water play and sand play (take turns filling buckets/pouring etc.)
- Hide and seek
- Playing chase
- What's the Time Mr Wolf?

Can you find...

Outside can be a great place for a treasure hunt. You could think of an object for your child to find and give them a clue e.g. I want you to find something blue/big/loud etc.

Alternatively you could hide objects around the garden and see who can find them first - label the objects when they find them (e.g. "you found a ball").

## Playing outside

Teach vocabulary...

You can teach action words by playing active games like "Simon says" e.g. "Simon says...jump, run, hop". You can take turns giving instructions.

Pause and wait to encourage your child to request "more" of a motivating activity e.g. bubbles or a push on a swing.

Play skills...

When playing in the garden your child will have opportunities to develop their pretend play skills. You can support them with this by joining in and demonstrating imaginary play. For instance, making a den, making a stick family, or a mud kitchen.

Listen to...

Go on a 'listening walk' together and comment on what you can hear around you. See if your child can guess what the sounds are. This will encourage your child to have "listening ears".

