

GAME ON!
SOCIAL SKILLS LESSON #1
PLAY VIDEO GAMES THE RIGHT WAY

MANY FRIENDS PLAY VIDEO GAMES TOGETHER. FRIENDS TALK WHILE THEY PLAY. I CAN TALK WHILE I PLAY WHEN I KNOW WHAT TO SAY AND DO.

- 1. I ASK MY PARENTS IF MY FRIEND AND I CAN PLAY VIDEO GAMES**
SOMETIMES PARENTS SET A TIME LIMIT FOR HOW LONG WE CAN PLAY. I FOLLOW THE TIME RULE AT MY HOUSE AND AT MY FRIEND'S HOUSE
- 2. SOMETIMES FRIENDS TAKE TURNS WHILE PLAYING ON THE SYSTEM**
WHEN IT IS NOT MY TURN, I WATCH MY FRIEND PLAY
WHEN IT IS NOT MY TURN, I MAKE COMMENTS ON MY FRIENDS PLAYING

3. SOMETIMES I PLAY ON ONE SYSTEM WHILE MY FRIEND PLAYS ON ANOTHER I SHOULD LOOK AT MY FRIEND ABOUT EVERY 5 MINUTES AND ASK SOMETHING LIKE: "HOW'S IT GOING OR WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING?"

4. SOMETIMES WE PLAY AT THE SAME TIME, EITHER AGAINST ONE ANOTHER OR WITH ONE ANOTHER AS A TEAM
IF MY FRIEND ASKS ME TO PLAY TOGETHER ON THE SYSTEM AND I DON'T LIKE THE GAME, I CAN SAY NO AND THEN JUST WATCH
AFTER ABOUT 10 MINUTES, I ASK "CAN WE PLAY ANOTHER GAME?"
IF I AM PLAYING A GAME THAT MY FRIEND DOES NOT LIKE, I SHOULD STOP AFTER 10 MINUTES AND PLAY WHAT HE/SHE LIKES

FRIENDS TALK DURING VIDEO GAMES
I CAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE:

- *GOOD JOB
- *YOU'RE REALLY GOOD
- *WOW
- *NICE ONE
- *YOU ALMOST GOT IT
- *GO THAT WAY
- *HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
- *CAN YOU GET PAST THAT LEVEL?
- *WHAT IS THAT?

REMEMBER: IT IS NOT FRIENDLY TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES WHEN MY FRIEND IS OVER; WE PLAY TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT GAMING!

(SOCIAL RULES FOR KIDS: THE TOP 100 SOCIAL RULES KIDS NEED TO SUCCEED, DIAMOND & GORDON, 2011)