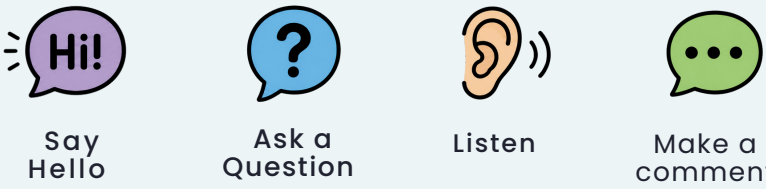
Conversation Skills
Quick Start Guide

Simple strategies to teach confident, positive conversations.

Our goal is to teach students how to start, join, keep, and end conversations—not just tell them to "use your words."

TEACH THE CONVERSATION ROUTINE

START A CONVERSATION



Say Hello | Ask a Question | Listen | Make a comment

Consistent language + plenty of practice = new habit!

QUICK TEACHER PROMPTS

Use a calm, neutral tone. Say less. Repeat less.

BEFORE SOCIAL TIME	"Let's think of one question you could ask."	Gives students a plan before they need it.
STUDENT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY	"Ask about something they like."	Teaches conversation starters instead of silence.
STUDENT INTERRUPTS	"Let's wait until they're finished."	Builds turn-taking.
CONVERSATION STOPS	"Can you make a comment or ask another question?"	Keeps conversations going naturally.
ENDING A CONVERSATION	"Nice talking with you!"	Teaches appropriate endings.

VISUAL SUPPORTS:

Social Story:
Teach how conversations start, continue, and end.
Cue Cards:
Give quick reminders for what to say and do.
Scenario Cards:
Practice real-life social situations.
Desk Strips:
Support independence during conversations.

CLASSROOM SUPPORTS:

- Partner practice
- Structured conversation games
- Sentence starters
- Small-group role play
- Visual question cards
- Teacher modeling
- Positive feedback
- Daily opportunities to practice

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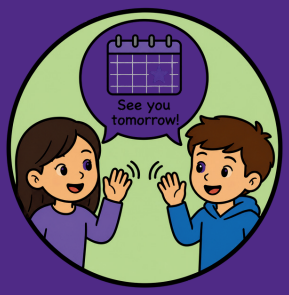
Need More Conversation Skills Support?



Turn everyday conversations into opportunities to teach lifelong social skills

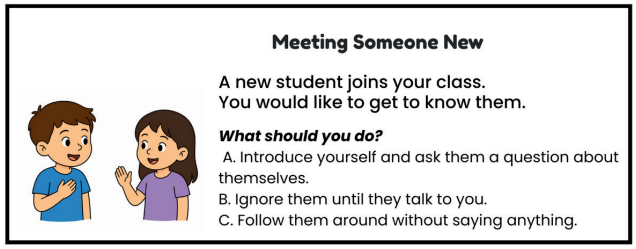
- Teaches the replacement skill
- Builds self-control and awareness
- Easy to implement in any classroom
- Consistent visuals + language that works

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATION SKILLS BUNDLE:



Social Story

Scenario Cards



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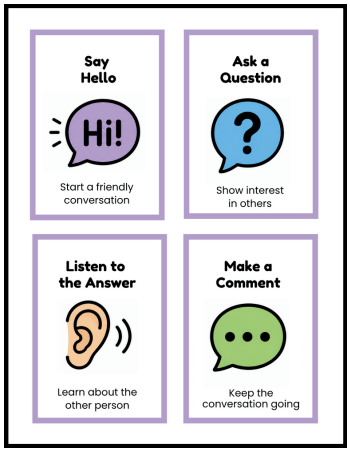

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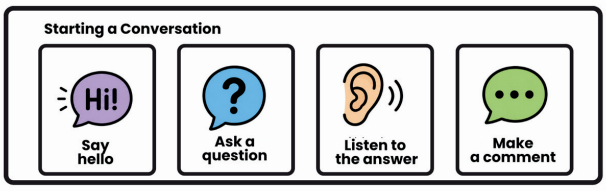

Everything you need to teach, practice, and reinforce confident, positive conversations!

HELP STUDENTS:

- Start conversations
- Join in with peers
- Take turns talking
- Keep conversations going

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PERFECT FOR:

- Elementary classrooms
- Social skills groups
- Special education support
- Friendship lessons

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