



Conversation Starters

Engage in social conversations with children. Start with a question or comment you think will interest the child(ren). Provide wait time after asking the question to give children a chance to respond. Then follow their lead. It's fine if they change the topic.

Share details from your own life.

More Support: When children are non-verbal or limited in their responses, provide visual supports. Or answer for them and describe things you know from their caregivers. The point is to connect and to show an interest in their lives.

Engage in Social Conversations

“My favorite food is _____. What is your favorite?”

“Your mom said you got a dog! Tell me more about it!”

“What were you doing outside on the playground today? I saw you...”