



**learn &
play**

Theme

Speaking and listening skills in conversation

Common Core Learning Standards for English

Language Arts:

- The child will participate in collaborative discussions about topics with peers and adults. (CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.1)
- The child will confirm their understanding by asking and answering questions. (CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.2)

Activity: Watch, Listen, and Speak

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1. Explain to the children that in order to have a friend or learn new things, we need three parts of our face. Ask them what three parts of their face they need. (Eyes, ears, and mouth)
2. Ask them what they do with their ears. (Listen or hear someone or something)
3. Ask them what they do with their mouth. (Talk or speak with someone or something)
4. Ask them what they do with their eyes. (See or look at someone or something)
5. Now ask the children if it is possible to both listen and speak at the same time. Talk about the problems with trying to do that. Tell the children that in order to have a friend or learn new things, we have to learn how to speak and how to listen like a friend and pay attention with our eyes.

Considerations/ Modifications/ Extension Activities:

- An attention-grabbing activity may work well to draw in the interest of children prior to this discussion.
- For children that need additional help, use a large photograph or drawing of a face to help children understand the focus of the activity.
- For more adventurous children, role-playing situations may well reinforce the concept of using eyes, ears, and mouth together to communicate with others.