

## Conversation and Interaction // Age 4-5

### Topic cards

Play games using the printable Topic cards resource. Choose one of the topic cards (food, animals, sports, TV programmes) and use a minute timer to challenge your child to give information about the picture and topic. Take turns with your child to keep talking about that picture until the sand timer runs out of sand. Encourage other family members to join in and make it FUN!



### Likes/dislikes

Encourage your child to express their preferences within simple sentences and listen to the preferences of others. Using food/animals/places picture prompts, take turns to choose a picture and say whether you like that or not. Encourage your child to recall your or a siblings' preferences within the game. NB. If this is easy, then try giving a reason, e.g. 'I like rabbits because they're fluffy'

### Emotions game

Play this game to encourage your child to notice the way we express emotions using different facial expressions. Begin with simple contrasting emotions e.g. happy, sad, angry. Think about the emotion words you use with your child at home and try to include these in the game.

Find pictures (in magazines, photocopied from books or on the internet) of people feeling happy, sad, and angry. You can then play:

- Lotto – have one 'happy' board, one 'sad' board (and one 'angry' board if three people are playing). Put all of the emotions pictures face down on the table. Take turns to turn over a picture – if the feeling shown in the picture matches the feeling on your board you can keep the picture
- Pairs - the aim is to find two people who are feeling the same feeling
- Snap – share out the pictures. Take turns to put down a picture, if the people are feeling the same feeling shout 'snap'! You can then keep that pair of pictures. The winner is the player with the most cards after a set time period (use a sand timer).