

## Turn-Taking

*Playing games is essential for learning!*

*It can sometimes be difficult to keep up with the more formal home learning activities that are on offer. Rest assured, playing a simple turn-taking game as a family or in twos is still an essential learning opportunity for your child. Some children can find it difficult to take turns even in very small groups. Below are some suggested strategies from "Elklan: Let's Talk Together".*

### **Turn-Taking Boards**

Turn-taking boards can be used to support those who may struggle with turn-taking as it provides a visual representation for whose turn it is in a game.

#### **Simple Games**

This can be adapted for simple games where you know the number of turns each player will have. Below shows an example of how this could look:

Amy	Sara
●	●
●	●
●	○
○	○
○	○

Each time a player has a turn you can either place a counter on the circle or colour it in so players get a visual representation of whose turn it is next and how many times they are taking turns within a game.

#### **Board Games**

This can also be adapted for more complicated games such as board games where you are not able to determine the number of turns each player will have.

### Whose turn is it?



You can take turns according to the order shown on the board.

Each time that someone has a turn you could move their name card to the bottom of the board.

This way the players know that it is only their turn if their name appears at the top of the board.

Optional extra:

- If you're playing a game where each player has a different colour counter, you could either print out or colour the name cards to match the colour of the counters that you are using.
- This is an optional extra and is not necessary to using this type of turn-taking board support.