

Initiating Play / Asking Someone to Play (Elementary School)

1. **Walk up** to and **look** at your friend. 

2. **"Hi _____"** (Name of friend) 

3. **"Let's play _____"** (Name a specific activity...on the slide, swings, the game Trouble, tag, soccer, etc.).



4. Don't forget to **Compromise...**



5. If your friend says "No," or is not interested, **ask another friend.**

Please Note:

- In a controlled setting, you can arrange for the peer to say, "Yes," ahead of time.
- You can also supply your child with a highly preferred toy that two or more can play with. Your child will state his/her peer's name and "Let's play [name of toy or activity that your child is holding]." Example: Making bubbles, Throwing a Frisbee, etc.
- In the beginning, target a potential playmate that is playing alone or playmates in a small two-person group.