

Stay Connected!

Now is a great time to connect with family and friends who may also be confined to their own cities, houses, or apartments. Take some time to tackle these conversational and social skills while making phone calls, texting, or video chatting.

Basic Conversation

Can you check off one of each during a chat?

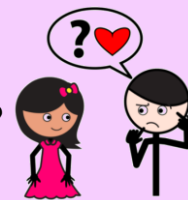
- Greet
- Answer a question
- Ask a question
- Make a comment ("Cool!" "That's good")
- Tell a story
- Change the topic
- Say goodbye

Preplanning and creating expectations can be powerful! Script It

Write or create visuals to help your child use frequently used phrases and questions.



- Hi!
- How are you!
- What are you doing?
- I miss you
- Talk to you later
- I love you. Bye



Texting

Quick language and social skills to tackle via text!

- **Texting is technically written language! Can your child compose their thoughts in text?**
- **Interpret meaning without cues from tone of voice (sarcasm, figurative language)**
- **Use emojis to express emotion and ideas**
- **Decode common acronyms (LOL, IDK) or create your own for fun!**

These are also skills you can work on face-to-face in your own home!

Video Chat

- **Interpret emotions from facial expressions and body language**
- **Make (virtual) eye contact**
- **Stay on topic! Give a cue if you're going to start talking about something else.**
- **Keep the conversation going with questions and comments.**