Social Communication

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What is Social Communication?

Social communication refers to the effective use of language in various social contexts. It's not just what we say but **how**, **when** and **why** we say it - this plays a key role in making and keeping relationships, learning in groups and functioning in everyday life. This includes skills like **taking turns in conversation**, understanding **body language**, **staying on topic**, and using the **right words for different situations**.

Typical Development

- **Takes turns** during conversations
- **Starts and maintains conversations** on a topic
- **Asks and answers questions** appropriately
- Understands and uses **non-verbal cues** (e.g. body language, tone, and facial expressions)
- **Adjusts speech** based on the listener or situation
- Understands **social rules** like waiting their turn and greeting others
- Recognizes others' **feelings** and responds appropriately
- Uses language to **solve problems** and **handle social situations**

When To Seek Intervention

You may want to consult a Speech-Language Pathologist if your child:

- Struggles to **connect** with peers and engage in meaningful friendship
- Uses language in an **unusual** way
- Doesn't seem to understand social expectations or social cues
- Engages in behaviour that may pose **harm or danger to self and others**
- Is often **misunderstood** or has **trouble understanding** others



How Kidztales Can Help

Our social communication services aim to enhance individuals' pragmatic language skills, enabling them to **navigate different social situations with increased *confidence* and *proficiency***. In therapy, children learn and practice these skills through fun, engaging activities designed to **build confidence** and help them **form stronger relationships** with peers and adults. The goal is to support your child in communicating more meaningfully, effectively, and socially.

Questions? Reach out to Kidztales with any inquiries or referrals.

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