

TALK AND LISTEN STICKS



- Why?** Learning when to speak and when to listen is a challenge for some students. By using these visual cues they will learn to take their turn speaking and to be respectful of what friends have to say.
- When?** partner activity
- What?** picture of an ear, picture of a mouth, jumbo craft sticks, tape
- How?** Tape pictures of ears and mouths to the craft sticks. Divide children into pairs and give each one a stick. The one with the mouth gets to talk first while the one with the ear must listen. Switch sticks and roles.
- More?** Use these for recalling favorite parts of a story, talking about their favorite character, telling something new they learned, and reviewing other information.

These ears and mouths can also be used when children read with a partner. The one holding the mouth reads and the one with the ear listens. Switch sticks and roles after reading a page.

When children do writing activities with a partner, hand one pencil to each pair. One child writes; the other child reads and offers suggestions. Have children switch roles and pass the pencil after a designated time period.



Print the ear and mouth on cardstock, and hot glue to a Popsicle stick.

Make enough sets so each student in the class has a stick.

