

Introduction

Ask and Answer® Social Skills Games offer students numerous opportunities to develop and improve their social skills. The set includes six different themes: Politeness, Solving Problems, Staying on Topic, Requesting Information, Initiating Conversation, and Feelings. Each theme has four game boards and every game board includes nine realistic photos/play spaces.

Ask and Answer® Social Skills Games is a game for one to four players. Prior to playing, the teacher chooses the particular social skill area he/she wishes to target. Each child receives a game board that matches this theme. Students also receive (or choose) a set of nine colored squares. Each child should have a different colored set.

There are several ways to play the game, depending upon the group and the teacher's preferences. In each variation, however, the basic format remains the same. The teacher reads/asks questions and the students answer the questions. After answering, the students place foam squares down on the photos/play spaces that match the questions/answers. This Activity Book includes a number of suggested questions for each Theme (pp. 2-7). Teachers may also ask their own questions, as desired.

Here are some game playing ideas.

1. **Three-in-a-Row** - The teacher asks a question of the first player. The student answers the question and places a square down on the appropriate photo/space. Play continues with the teacher asking additional questions in turn to the other players. The first player to get three squares in a row in any direction wins the game. (To speed up this game, each time any student answers a question, all students cover up the corresponding photo/space on their boards. To make this game last a little longer, students must get three-in-a-row in a certain direction; i.e., across, up and down, or diagonally).
2. **Cover-Up** - Follow the same instructions as above, except that the first player to cover up all of his/her squares wins the game. To add variety to this game, students roll a 1, 2, 3 die before each turn, and skip a turn if they roll a certain number (For example, a student skips a turn if he/she rolls the number 1).
3. **Tic-Tac-Toe** - In this game, two students share the same board. As students answer questions, they put their squares down on the appropriate spaces of the board. First student to get three in a row wins.

Ask and Answer® Social Skills Games is also adaptable for children who have difficulty paying attention to an entire game board. In such cases, simply use the foam squares to cover up all pictures that you do not want the child to focus upon. Then, ask questions about any uncovered photos/spaces. To make your job easier, this Activity Book gives you two sets of suggested questions for each board, listed by row (Sets 1 and 2). It also contains a number of reproducible activity/homework sheets for additional social skills practice

Please note that the Feelings Boards may have several “correct” answers to each question. The key is to have the child express how he/she would react to each situation.

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Initiating Conversation

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked.



- 1. You want to know why the movers are moving the couch. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to tell the movers about rearranging your room. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the movers about your parent's couch. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the movers how heavy your couch is. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the cook about the cake you helped make. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell the cook about your lunch at school. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the cook this is your favorite place to eat. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the cook you're hungry. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the man about your pet fish. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell the man about the fish you caught. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the fisherman his shoe is untied. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the fisherman about the best place to fish. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell your grandfather about your favorite picture in the book. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell your grandfather about the story you heard. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell your grandfather you like his story. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell your grandfather that you want to learn to read. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the boy about your favorite superhero. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell the boy about your costume. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the boy some superheroes can fly. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the boy about a new superhero T.V. show. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the magician about your pet rabbit. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell the magician about your favorite magic trick. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the magician about your magical hat. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the magician you like his tricks. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the boy about the time you picked flowers. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell your friend about your favorite flower. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell your friend you have flowers in your yard. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell your friend his flower smells good. What do you say?



- 1. You want to tell the zookeeper you like the animal she is holding. What do you say?
- 2. You want to tell the zookeeper about your favorite animal. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell the zookeeper you like animals. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell the zookeeper about the pets in your classroom. What do you say?



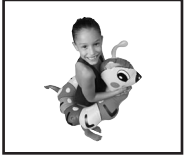
- 1. You want to tell your grandma a joke. What do you say?
- 2. You think you recognize an old friend on the bench. What do you say?
- 3. You want to tell your grandma about what you did at school today. What do you say?
- 4. You want to tell your grandma about a squirrel that ran under her bench. What do you say?

Solving Problems

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked.



- 1. Your hair is messy when you wake up. What do you do?
- 2. Your hair is still wet, but you want to play outside. What do you do?
- 3. Your hair gets tangled. What do you do?
- 4. You didn't rinse all the shampoo out of your hair. What do you do?



- 1. You want to go swimming, but your inner tube has a leak. What do you do?
- 2. You want to go swimming, but there is no one with you. What do you do?
- 3. It's time to leave the pool, but your friend has your inner tube. What do you do?
- 4. You want to use the inner tube, but it's too small. What do you do?



- 1. You get a flat tire on your bike. What do you do?
- 2. Your helmet comes off while riding your bike. What do you do?
- 3. You don't want training wheels on your bike anymore. What do you do?
- 4. Your brakes make a funny noise. What do you do?



- 1. The picture goes out on the T.V. What do you do?
- 2. You want to watch a show on T.V., but your sister doesn't. What do you do?
- 3. You are not allowed to watch a show on T.V. What do you do?
- 4. You can't hear the T.V. What do you do?



- 1. You have your umbrella, but it is sunny outside. What do you do?
- 2. It is raining, but you don't have an umbrella. What do you do?
- 3. You can't get your umbrella to close. What do you do?
- 4. You want to go into your house, but you can't fit through the doorway with your umbrella open. What do you do?



- 1. The computer screen goes black at school. What do you do?
- 2. You can't find what you are looking for on the computer. What do you do?
- 3. Your computer screen is dusty. What do you do?
- 4. You spill your drink on the keyboard. What do you do?



- 1. You need to use the bathroom during school. What do you do?
- 2. You want to ask a question in class, but it is too loud. What do you do?
- 3. Your teacher passed out paper and you didn't receive one. What do you do?
- 4. You can't see the board in class. What do you do?



- 1. You want your parents to buy your favorite cereal, but they are out. What do you do?
- 2. You want to help push the cart, but the wheel is broken. What do you do?
- 3. Your parents ask you to get milk, but you can't find it. What do you do?
- 4. While shopping, you accidentally break a jar of pickles. What do you do?



- 1. You want a new dress, but your parents say it costs too much. What do you do?
- 2. Your parents pick out a dress, but you don't like the color. What do you do?
- 3. You get a new school dress, but it doesn't fit. What do you do?
- 4. Your button fell off your new dress. What do you do?

Staying on Topic

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked.



- 1. Your cousin says, "I'm graduating today!" What do you say?
- 2. Your sister tells you she's going to college. What do you say?
- 3. Your sister says she was really excited about graduating. What do you say?
- 4. Your cousin tells you she wants to celebrate her graduation. What do you say?



- 1. Your friend tells you he didn't do well on his math test. What do you say?
- 2. Your friend tells you his dog ran away. What do you say?
- 3. A classmate tells you he has detention. What do you say?
- 4. During class, a friend tells you he is tired. What do you say?



- 1. Your classmate tells you she hit a homerun. What do you say?
- 2. Your classmate tells you that she is on the best team. What do you say?
- 3. Your friend tells you she needs a new uniform. What do you say?
- 4. Your sister says you can be on her team. What do you say?



- 1. Your friend says she drew a picture of you. What do you say?
- 2. Your sister tells you she can draw pretty pictures. What do you say?
- 3. Your cousin says she draws pretty flowers. What do you say?
- 4. Your friend says she wants to draw a puppy. What do you say?



- 1. Your teacher says, "Does anyone know what 3 x 5 equals? What do you say?"
- 2. Your teacher says, "Tomorrow we're having a math test." What do you say?
- 3. The substitute teacher says she has three puppies. What do you say?
- 4. Your teacher says she loves to read stories. What do you say?



- 1. The man tells you he is going on a trip. What do you say?
- 2. The man says he forgot to pack his pajamas. What do you say?
- 3. The man says the wheel on his suitcase is loose. What do you say?
- 4. Your brother says his briefcase is heavy. What do you say?



- 1. Your friend tells you he is sick. What do you say?
- 2. Your friend tells you he caught a cold from his brother. What do you say?
- 3. Your brother tells you he didn't go to school today. What do you say?
- 4. Your brother tells you it's time to take his medicine. What do you say?



- 1. The divers tell you they saw some fish. What do you say?
- 2. The divers tell you what it's like to swim underwater. What do you say?
- 3. The divers tell you the water is cold. What do you say?
- 4. The divers tell you they swam with a dolphin. What do you say?



- 1. The lady says, "I had a really great time on my trip." What do you say?
- 2. Your mom says, "The sun is so bright today!" What do you say?
- 3. The lady says, "My shirt has a lot of colors." What do you say?
- 4. The lady says, "I just got home from Hawaii." What do you say?

Politeness

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked.



- 1. Your mom asks if you want to go on a picnic, but you don't. What do you say?
- 2. Your mom wants to eat lunch with you. What do you say?
- 3. Your mom asks if you want a peanut butter sandwich. What do you say?
- 4. Your mom asks if you will carry her basket. What do you say?



- 1. Your aunt is carrying heavy packages. What do you say?
- 2. Your mom says, "I bought you something at the mall." What do you say?
- 3. You are in your mom's way when she gets home from shopping. What do you say?
- 4. Your mom asks if you'll help carry bags. What do you say?



- 1. The doctor asks, "How are you feeling today?" What do you say?
- 2. You are late for a doctor's appointment. What do you say?
- 3. Your doctor says something, but you don't hear him. What do you say?
- 4. The doctor asks why you came to see him. What do you say?



- 1. Your mom asks if you'll help her vacuum. What do you say?
- 2. You get in your mom's way while vacuuming. What do you say?
- 3. You trip over the vacuum cord. What do you say?
- 4. Your mom asks you to change the vacuum bag. What do you say?



- 1. Your friend gives you a birthday present. What do you say?
- 2. You give your friend a birthday present and she says, "Thank you." What do you say?
- 3. Your sister asks if you like the way she wrapped mom's present. What do you say?
- 4. Your cousin tells you to guess what is in the box. What do you say?



- 1. Your grandmother asks you if you want a cookie. What do you say?
- 2. The neighbor brings you cookies. What do you say?
- 3. Your babysitter asks if you like chocolate chip cookies. What do you say?
- 4. Your neighbor asks if the cookies are good. What do you say?



- 1. Your friend tells you that you missed visiting hours at the hospital. What do you say?
- 2. Your friend tells you he has to stay at the hospital. What do you say?
- 3. Your friend asks if you'll push his wheelchair. What do you say?
- 4. You bump into your friend's wheelchair. What do you say?



- 1. You accidentally get in your friend's way while he is skateboarding. What do you say?
- 2. Your friend asks if you want to borrow his skateboard. What do you say?
- 3. Your friend bumps into you with his skateboard and says, "I'm sorry." What do you say?
- 4. Your friend says, "Thank you," for letting him borrow your skateboard. What do you say?



- 1. A new family moves in next door to you. What do you say?
- 2. Your neighbors ask if you can babysit for them, but you already have plans. What do you say?
- 3. Your aunt and uncle ask if you want to play with your baby cousin. What do you say?
- 4. Your baby cousin sneezes. What do you say?

Requesting

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked.



- 1. You want to pull the dog in the wagon. What do you ask?
- 2. You want your friend to pull you in the wagon. What do you say?
- 3. You want to pet your friend's dog. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know the dog's name. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to ask the waitress for another straw. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to know if they have ice cream for dessert. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to know if it's too late to order breakfast. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to ask the waitress for a spoon. What do you ask?



- 1. You want a turn playing on the computer. What do you ask?
- 2. You want a new computer game. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to know how to look up homework on the internet. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know how to use the computer mouse. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to buy some lemonade. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to know how much the lemonade costs. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to know how your friend made the lemonade. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know if you can help sell the lemonade. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to get in the pool with your friends. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to know if you can add more water to the pool. What do you ask?
- 3. You want your friend to stop splashing you. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to borrow your sister's inner tube. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to play basketball with your friend. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to borrow your brother's basketball. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to know how to play basketball. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know how to dribble a basketball. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to see the clown do a certain trick. What do you ask?
- 2. You want the clown to come to your birthday party. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to see the clown's umbrella. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know where the clown got his shoes. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to play with your classmates. What do you ask?
- 2. You need two kids to be on your team. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to ask why the kids have their arms up. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to know where the group of kids go to school. What do you ask?



- 1. You want to ask the girl where she got the balloons. What do you ask?
- 2. You want to ask your friend what colors of balloons she has. What do you ask?
- 3. You want to ask your sister to give you a balloon. What do you ask?
- 4. You want to ask for a balloon for your sister. What do you ask?

Feelings

Instructions: Listed below are four suggested questions for each photo/space. You may use your own questions if desired. Use the boxes to keep track of questions you have asked. (*Please note there may be more than one acceptable answer to each question.*)



- 1. Your dog ran away. How do you feel?
- 2. This is the way you feel when you start to cry.
- 3. You lost your favorite toy. How do you feel?
- 4. This is the way you feel when you break your favorite toy.



- 1. You step on gum on the playground. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you feel when you are fighting with someone.
- 3. Your cousin breaks your favorite toy. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel when someone lies to you.



- 1. You see a big snake in the grass. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you may feel when it gets dark.
- 3. The lion roars at you at the zoo. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you may feel when you hear thunder during a storm.



- 1. Your teacher asks a question, but you're not sure of the answer. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you may feel when you're thinking of something.
- 3. You have to think about a gift for your parents. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you may feel when you can't remember how to spell something.



- 1. Your head is hurting. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you feel when you're getting a cold.
- 3. You have the flu. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel when you eat too much candy.



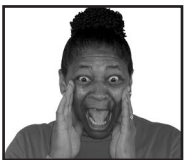
- 1. You stayed up late last night watching T.V. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you feel when you don't get enough sleep.
- 3. You woke up and couldn't go back to sleep. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel when you don't take a nap.



- 1. Your parents throw you a surprise party. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you feel when something good happens that you didn't know about.
- 3. You open up a can and pretend snakes jump out. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel when you get a present you didn't expect.



- 1. You get good grades on your report card. How do you feel?
- 2. You receive a present. How do you feel?
- 3. You make a new friend. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel when something good happens.



- 1. You get to the top of a roller coaster and start to go down. How do you feel?
- 2. This is how you may feel when you go up high in the air.
- 3. An alien knocks on your door. How do you feel?
- 4. This is how you feel if someone sneaks up on you.