

SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T DO BY YOURSELF
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I found this old paperback book among many left behind by my mother-in-law, a retired kindergarten teacher. Whether you have this book or not, it is easy to start a discussion about independence vs. needing others -- a great lesson in a social skills unit.

I made up this game/poster and worksheet to go along with the discussion. In the game, students select one of the verb cards, identify the action, then place the card on a poster under the appropriate heading: "I can do these things by myself" or "I need other people to do these things." Some of the actions simply require another person (you can't shake hands with yourself!) but others are things children shouldn't do alone due to safety concerns (cooking, staying home alone, swimming, for example).

Enjoy!

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