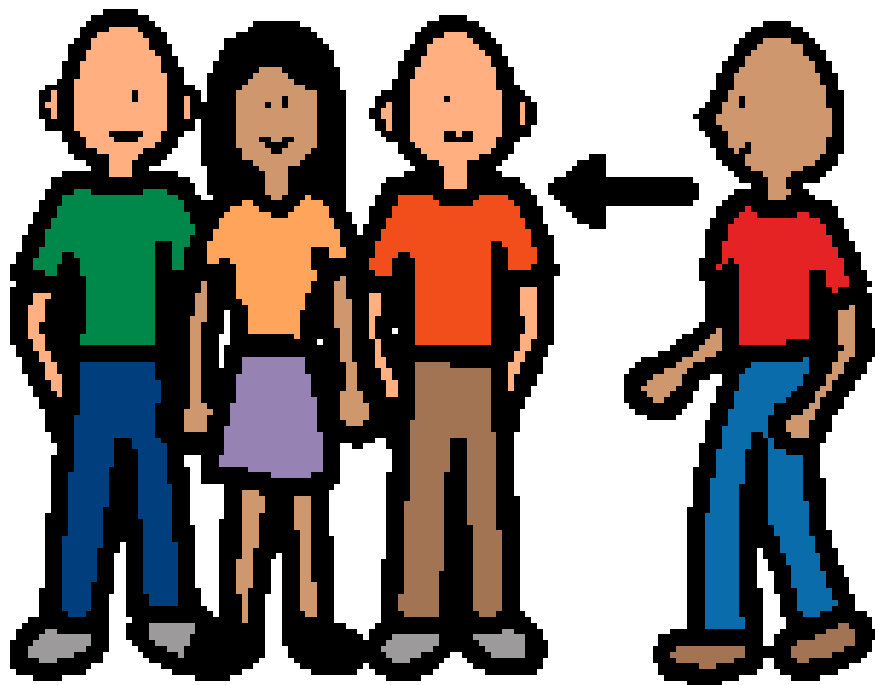


Joining in

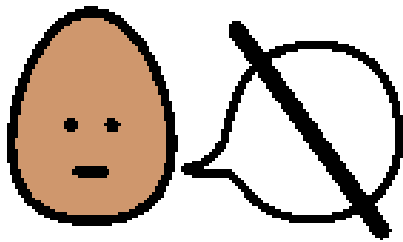


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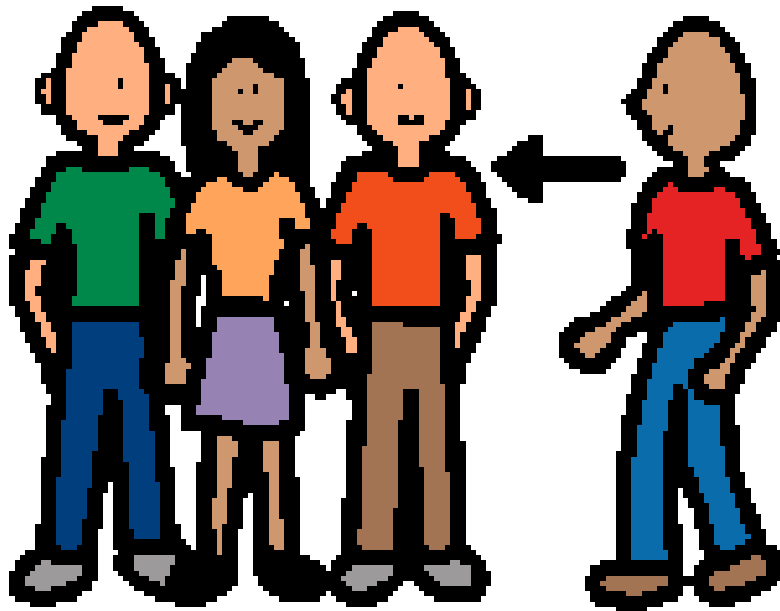


Sometimes other people are doing things I want to be doing. My friends may have started playing a game I want to play. I may want to join a game of tag on the playground. Or I may want to play with blocks with my classmates.

didn't ask



When I want to join a group of people I may walk up and just start to play without asking. Sometimes this makes other people say “you can’t play with us.” When this happens I may feel upset.



Instead, I can ask to “join in” and play.

When I want to join a group I can:

1) Move closer to the group.



2) Watch and wait



watch



please wait

3) Look at a person and get their attention



Can I play?

4) Say "Can I play, too?"



5) If my friends say "yes" then I can join in and play.

yes



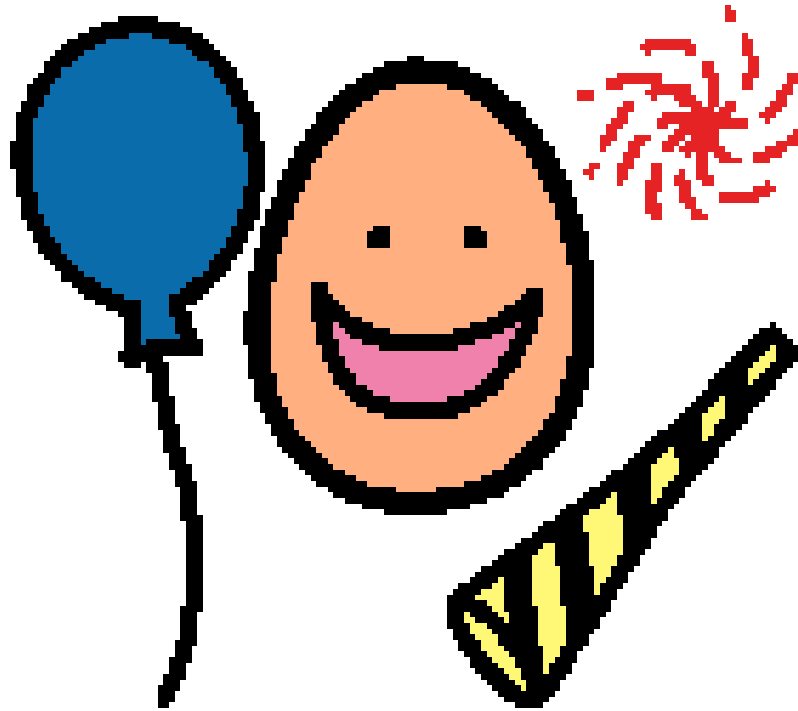
6) If my friends say "no" then I can find something else to

no

do and try to join again later.



fun



It is fun to join a group to play.