

Kind Talk Cards

Talk, listen, and solve problems politely.

GRADE 3 • TEKS 3.1.E

3.1.E "develop social communication such as conversing politely in all situations."

NAME _____

DATE _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1 Use kind words and calm voices.

2 Listen while one person speaks.

3 Wait for your turn. Do not interrupt.

4 Respect ideas, even when you disagree.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Pick one Topic card and place it faceup.
2. Each player takes one Role card.
3. Shuffle two matching sets of Move cards and deal 4 cards to each player. In a 3-player group, set aside 4 cards.
4. Talk about the topic. When you use a card starter naturally, play that card in the middle and finish your sentence.
5. End when every dealt card is in the middle. Check the reflection statements.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

☐ I used polite words when I spoke.

☐ I listened without interrupting.

☐ I took turns and let others speak.

☐ I treated different ideas respectfully.

**TOPIC CARDS** · pick one per round

TOPIC	TOPIC	TOPIC
Recess Choice Choose one recess game that everyone in your group can join.	One Box Markers Your group has one box of markers for a poster. Decide how you will share them fairly.	Seat Mix-Up Two people want the same seat at a lunch table. Talk about a fair, kind solution.

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE	ROLE	ROLE	ROLE
Turn Keeper Watch that each person gets a turn to speak.	Kind Listener Look at the speaker and listen without interrupting.	Manners Spotter Notice polite words such as please, excuse me, and thank you.	Topic Guide Help the group keep talking about the Topic card.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD
JOIN POLITELY “Excuse me, may I add ____ to our plan?”	JOIN POLITELY “May I share ____?”	SHARE IDEA “My idea is ____.”	SHARE IDEA “I think we could ____.”
MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD	MOVE CARD
AGREE KINDLY “I agree because ____.”	AGREE KINDLY “That is a good idea because ____.”	RESPECTFULLY DIFFER “I see it differently. I think ____.”	RESPECTFULLY DIFFER “I understand your idea, but I think ____.”

Print one card sheet per team. Cards last longer on thick paper.

RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Print two copies of the eight Move cards for each group, shuffle them, and deal four cards to each player. With three players, set aside the four undealt cards and end when all 12 dealt cards are played. The sample exchange models Recess Choice; if participation is uneven, have the Turn Keeper invite a quieter player before the next card is played.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Maya	Excuse me, may I add kickball to our plan?
Leo	My idea is tag.
Ana	I agree because tag lets many people play.
Maya	I understand your idea, but I think kickball is easier for everyone to join.
Leo	That is a good idea because we can make teams.

LISTEN FOR

- "Excuse me," "please," and "thank you" used naturally
- waiting for a speaker to finish
- kind agreement with a reason
- respectful disagreement without put-downs

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.