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COOPERATIVE / COLLABORATIVE



Cooperative/Collaborative play involves:

- Children sharing their efforts to reach a common goal.
- Interaction with each other, expressing thoughts and trying out new ideas.
- Children taking on a role of a leader/or follower.
- Play as part of a larger group.
- More organised kind of play.

Parents supporting their child's Cooperative/Collaborative play will be:

- Supporting their child's involvement in community places, e.g. childcare, kindy, school.
- Supporting their child with social skills and practice in play scenarios.
- Supporting their child with communication skills.
- Interacting with their child and expressing thoughts.
- Working together with their child to practice solving problems in play and daily activities.
- Sharing the role of leader and follower in play scenarios.
- Sharing play ideas and practice telling each other what to do.
- Encouraging modelling and practicing resilience in play.
- Playing games with rules.
- Encourage learning from one situation to another by reminding/referring to it, e.g. 'oh, this is like.... and we need to...'



Cooperative/ Collaborative play promotes:

- Working together
 - Problem solving
- Sharing and exploring
 - Social skills
 - Adaptability
 - Flexability
 - Leadership
 - Teamwork
 - Negotiation
- Communication skills
 - Emotional growth
 - Physical skills
 - Taking turns
 - Following rules
 - Creativity
 - Sharing ideas
- Trying new things
 - Theory of mind
- Building confidence
 - Resilience

