



Conversation Checklist #1

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Initiating the Conversation

MY CHILD STARTS

A CONVERSATION BY:

WITH WORDS	NEVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN	WITHOUT WORDS	NEVER	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
Getting someone's attention				Stands near the person			
Says the person's name	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person's face	☐	☐	☐
				Taps the person on the shoulder	☐	☐	☐

Example of how my child gets someone's attention:

Greeting someone	E.g., "Hi"	☐	☐	☐	Faces the person	☐	☐	☐
					Smiles at the person	☐	☐	☐

Example of how my child greets someone:

Asking an opening question	"Hi. How are you?"	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person and waits for an answer	☐	☐	☐
	"Hi. What's your name?"	☐	☐	☐				
	"What are you doing?"	☐	☐	☐				

Example of some opening questions my child uses:

Saying something nice	Gives a compliment, e.g., "Cool truck!"	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person when he says something nice and then waits	☐	☐	☐
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Example of what my child says/does:



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Talking about something that happened in the past	E.g., "I went to the zoo."	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person and then waits	☐	☐	☐
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Example of what my child says/does:

Talking about something that will happen in the future	E.g., "I'm going to go to camp."	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person and then waits	☐	☐	☐
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Example of what my child says/does:

Asking another about feelings, likes/dislikes	"Are you having fun?"	☐	☐	☐	Looks at the person and then waits	☐	☐	☐
	"What do you like to play?"	☐	☐	☐				

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