

## SET THEME: I Am in Control of Myself

## **Build Social and Emotional Intelligence**

To encourage taking turns, try the following:

- Provide opportunities for taking turns, such as playing board games.
- Allow natural consequences to take place if a child won't allow another child to take turns. Often the other child will lose interest and leave or complain. When that occurs, you can explain that friends don't like to play with kids who don't take turns.
- Reward children with praise when they take turns, such as "I liked when you let Jen have a turn on the swing."

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## **How to Read This Book with Children**

- Read aloud the title. Discuss what it means to take turns.
- Read aloud the book with children.
- 3 Talk about the characters' actions as you read.
- 4. Ask children to describe how Ken changes over the course of the story.
- 6. After reading, use the Real-World Wrap-Up prompts to discuss the photograph.
- Guide children to connect the story to their own experiences.

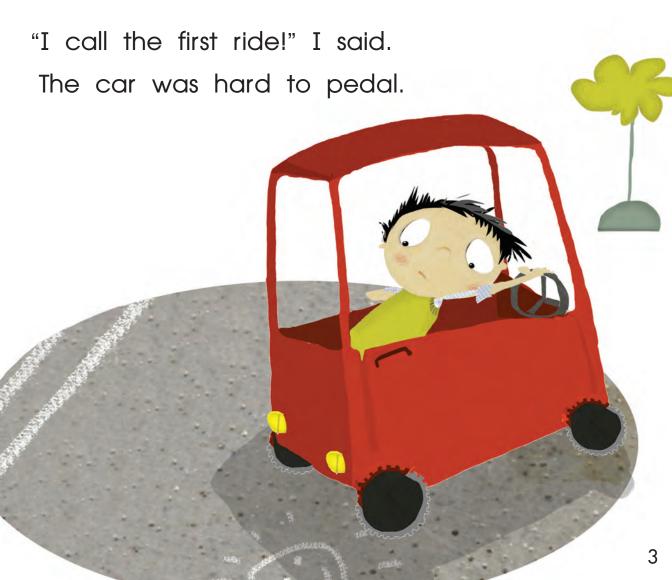


## I Take Turns



by Barbara M. Linde • illustrated by Julia Patton





"Hey, Jack," I said, "give me a push!"

"Good one, Ken," said Jack. "My turn now!"



"No, it's still my turn," I said.

"That's not fair!" Jack complained.



