Conversation Drivers & Conversation Stoppers
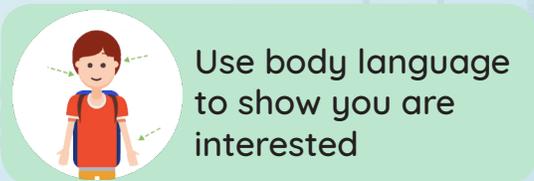
Conversation Drivers

Behaviors that drive or keep a conversation going

- Maintain eye contact
- Use body language to show you are interested
- Make connected comments
- Share the conversation time
- Use topic radar—think of the other person's interests

Conversation Stoppers

Actions that will stop a conversation before it's ready to be over

- Losing eye contact
- Showing you are not interested
- Not staying on topic
- Not letting others take a turn in the conversation
- Only talking about yourself or your interests

Everyday Speech