

# Taking Turns

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Hudson sat on the couch in his living room. He crossed his arms and frowned. He did not like to play checkers. It was too hard.

"I don't want to play this game," he said.

His friend, Sam, shook his head. "You have to play!" Sam said. "Checkers needs two players."

But, Hudson did not want to play. He liked games that were easy to win. Checkers had too many rules, and he was not good at playing it.

"Let's play a different game," he said. "I like tag."

"I don't want to play tag," said Sam. "I want to play checkers."

The boys each thought of games they wanted to play.

"I think I have an idea," Hudson said. "Why don't we take turns? First, we can play checkers. Then, we can play tag."

Sam sat up with a smile and said, "That sounds fair; taking turns will be fun."

- Katie Clark

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1) Who are the two characters in this story?

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2) Which game does Sam want to play?

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3) Which game does Hudson want to play?

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4) How do the boys solve this problem?

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5) Why do you think taking turns is a good idea?

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