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## easy steps to help young children have their say about play in WA

The WA Government is developing Australia's first government-led Play Strategy and wants to better understand how children experience play across Western Australia.

Children have valuable perspectives on their lives, their play and the communities they live in.

This survey is an opportunity to hear directly from the children themselves.

### 1

#### Get ready to listen

Pick an activity the child enjoys doing with you so they feel safe, relaxed and comfortable.



### 2

#### Check the child wants to take part

Only continue if the child says or shows they are willing. Explain they can stop at any time and won't get into trouble.

I'd like to learn what play is like for you.

Can I write down some of the things you tell me?

Is it ok if I share your ideas with other people?

### 3

#### Listen in. Start the conversation

Tell me what you know about play

Older children can be invited to draw what they know about play. Younger children may prefer to 'show' you or share what they know in other ways.

### 4

#### Keep the conversation alive

**Listen** carefully. Be patient.

**Invest** Acknowledge their responses.

**Verify** Check that you understand.

**Explore** Find out more.

What do you usually play?

Where do you usually play?

When do you usually play?

What would make play better for you?

Who do you usually play with?

### 5

#### Make notes

Take note of what the child says using their exact words where you can.



### 6

#### Take a photo

If the child has drawn, made or played with something, ask them if you can take a photo. Proceed only with the child's permission. Photographs must not identify the child.



### 7

#### Share their views

Complete the online form to share what the child told you about play.



Scan the QR Code or click on it to share and upload.