

Playground Chat Choices Answer Key

YES (friendly and on-topic):

- Talking about toys and games
- Giving a compliment about shoes
- Asking friends to play
- Talking about favorite cartoons

NO (off-topic or uncomfortable):

- Talking about someone getting in trouble
- Talking about broken things or accidents

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students identify **appropriate conversational topics** for casual, friendly settings like recess.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For emerging readers, read the story aloud with expressive voice and pause for group response ("YES or NO").
 - For advanced learners, ask them to explain *why* a topic is or isn't appropriate.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn this into a movement game: students move to one side of the room for "YES" and the other for "NO."
 - Encourage role-play practice by having pairs act out "good" playground conversations.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students draw a "Good Talk" scene showing friends using positive conversation topics.
 - Create a "Recess Talk Chart" in class to remind students what's friendly and kind to talk about.