

We're Good Listeners

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SET THEME:

I Build Positive Relationships

Build Social and Emotional Intelligence

Use the following tips to help children become better listeners:

- Explain that being a good listener helps people build relationships with others.
- Encourage children to understand that active listening helps people understand and solve problems.
- Model active listening. Maintain eye contact, address children by name, and don't interrupt them while they are speaking.
- Compliment and applaud children for good listening.

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How to Read This Book with Children

- 1** Read aloud the title. Discuss what it means to be a good listener. Talk about what it looks like when friends listen to each other.
- 2** Read aloud the book with children.
- 3** Talk about the characters' actions as you read.
- 4** Ask children to describe how Rigatoni becomes a better listener over the course of the story.
- 5** After reading, use the Real-World Wrap-Up prompts to discuss the photograph.
- 6** Guide children to connect the story to their own experiences.

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Rigatoni is excited to play with Pickle today.

“Hi Pickle! I’m so happy you’re here!
What do you want play?” I ask.



“Oh, I thought it would be fun if . . . ,”
Pickle starts to say.

“I have a great idea!” I say before he
finishes. “Let’s play hide and seek.”



But Pickle has a funny look on his face. Instead, he says, “Hmm . . . okay, I guess.”

He doesn't sound so happy.



Then I get an even better idea.

“Let’s have a snack instead! What do you want to eat? I bet my mom has lots to choose from.”



“I want to show you . . .” Pickle starts to say.

“I know! Let’s have some fruit! Hey mom,
can you cut up an apple for us?” I ask.



“These apples are so crispy!” I say.

“You will love them.”

“Apples?” Pickle asks. “Hmm . . . okay,
I guess,” he says quietly.

But he doesn't look so happy.

