

Personal Space



Everyone has an invisible bubble around them.
You can't see it, but it's their personal space bubble.

People want other people to stay outside their
personal space bubble most of the time.

Moms and dads and kids sometimes like to hug or sit really close together
and that's OK.

But other people don't like it when I get too close.
It makes them feel funny.

I can remember not to get too close to other people by thinking about their
personal space bubble.

When I put my arm out, that shows me how close to someone I can stand.



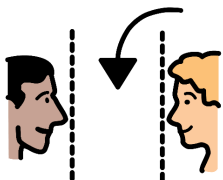
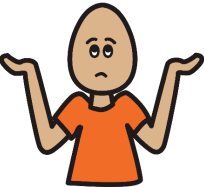
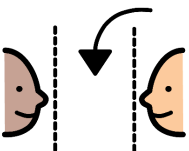
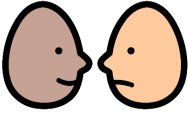
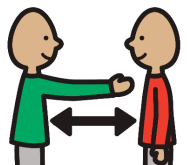

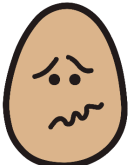
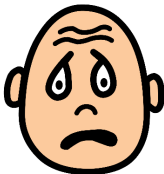
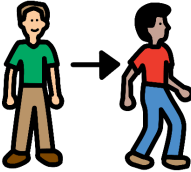
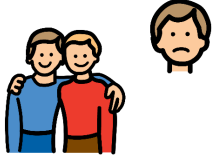
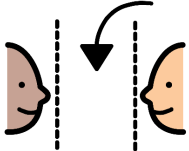
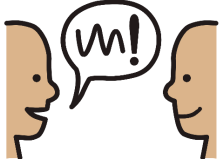



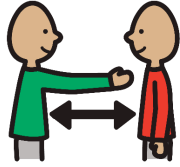
If someone steps away from me or looks upset,
then I am probably standing too close.

Kids will feel a lot better if I remember not to get too close.

Kids will like being with me more if I remember their
personal space bubble.



This social story is a powerful tool to introduce the concept of personal space and the different emotions people feel when personal space is invaded.

 <p>Personal Space</p>	 <p>What is personal space?</p>	 <p>It is the distance that makes people feel comfortable</p>	 <p>This is TOO close!</p>
 <p>This is just right!</p>	 <p>What happens if I get too close?</p>	 <p>People feel uncomfortable</p>	 <p>People feel scared</p>
 <p>People walk away</p>	 <p>No one plays with me</p>	 <p>What happens if I give people space?</p>	 <p>People talk with me</p>
 <p>People play with me</p>	 <p>People eat with me</p>	 <p>I make friends</p>	 <p>Now I know what to do!</p>

This poster should be closely examined by Sam to establish an understanding of the different spaces of proximity suitable for different people.

