# Take a Break A SOCIAL STORY

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### Frustrated!

Instead of making bad choices and getting into trouble, I can take a break. I can use one of my tools to help me cool down. I need to tell my teacher I am frustrated by using my words, "I am frustrated and need a break."



Use Reggie Ruler



Wear a Weighted Vest

Stretch in the Transformer Sensory Sack

I can take a deep breath and use my tools to calm myself down. When I am calm, I can have a better day.



Sometimes I feel frustrated.

I feel like yelling or hitting.

Describe what helps when you feel FRUSTRATED

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Draw or show how you feel when you're FRUSTRATED

D.D. Munue



It is rude to interrupt or yell out when my teacher and friends are talking. To help me control my voice, I can keep my fingers busy and wait until it is my turn to share.



Find the pieces in Discovery Putty



Squeeze or sit on my Fishy Gel Cushion

My teacher and friends appreciate when I wait my turn or sit patiently to show I am ready to listen.

**66** Sometimes my brain and mouth have lots to say. I want to share

my thoughts with everyone.

Wait for my teacher to toss me a scarf when it's my turn Describe what helps you stop

Draw or show how you feel when you
INTERRUPT

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### Keeping My Hands to Myself

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Good friends keep their hands to themselves. Touching, poking, rubbing, pulling or hitting others does not feel good to my friends. When you feel like you can't keep your hands to yourself, it is a good idea to tell your teacher you need a tool to help you control your hands. Busy hands keep you from making bad choices.



Touch all the colors of the Spaghetti Fidget



Play with Calm Putty



Squeeze or toss the Weighted Tactile Bean Bags



Stay in my space with Spot Markers

A good friend respects their friend's personal space, and welcomes friends to play.

Describe what helps when you feel YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF Draw or show how you feel when YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF

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### Loud Noises

Loud noises can make me feel angry and cause me to not focus on where I am or what I am supposed to be doing. When loud noises make me feel out of control, it is good to let my teacher know that I need headphones.



Use Discovery Disc to calm



Wear headphones for quiet

Headphones make me feel calm and allow me to participate with my friends.

Wear Chewy Wristbands to soothe

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Loud noises can hurt my ears! Sometimes loud noises come from fire drills, announcements, special events, toilets flushing in the bathroom or even loud talking in the lunchroom. Describe what helps you calm down when you hear LOUD NOISES

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Draw or show how you feel when you hear LOUD NOISES

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It is important for me to learn and get my work done so I can do the fun stuff my teacher has planned from me. When I am having a hard time getting my work done, it is ok to ask my teacher for a tool to help me get my work done.



Wear my Anemone Sensory Mittens





Move through the Crawl-and-Calm Resistance Tunnel

Why can't I get my work done? Sometimes little things distract me from getting my work done. It might be my friends talking, the sound of the air blowing or I am watching what is going on around me. Feel the textures on my Bumpy Gel Cushion

Getting my work done will make me feel happy and it will allow me to enjoy the fun things my teacher has planned. Describe what helps you FOCUS

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Draw or show how you feel when you try to FOCUS

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Staying calm at school is very important to help make my day the best it can be. Sometimes I feel hyper or excited about learning. When I feel this way, it does not allow me to learn everything my teacher has planned. Staying calm allows makes me feel happy inside and I can learn new things. To help me calm down and learn, I can use a tool from the break box.





Feel the soft fur and tail on my Animal Lap Pad



Find the animals on my FindMe Lap Pad

Sit with a Weighted Lap Pad

Once I have my \_\_\_\_\_ (tool) I find that a feeling of calm comes over me and I am ready to learn. Learning is an important part of my day and makes me feel proud. My teacher is proud of me too. Describe what helps when you want to feel

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#### CALM

Draw or show how you feel when you're not CALM

When I am waiting my turn, I find that wearing the weighted worm on my shoulders makes me feel like I am getting a big hug. That makes me feel calm and happy. If I choose not to use the weighted worm, I can hold a fidget ball to keep my hands busy while I patiently wait my turn.

Wear a Weighted Worm

Roll away the wiggles with the Pressure Foam Roller

Squeeze the Fidget Key Chain Balls

I know that using a tool to help me wait my turn is helpful to me and shows my friends that I value them.



Waiting My Turn

When I am at school, it is important that I patiently wait my turn. Waiting my turn shows my friends that I respect them and their time. Describe what helps you
WAIT YOUR TURN

Draw or show how you feel when you're WAITING YOUR TURN

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## Sleepy

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Sometimes my eyes get sleepy and my brain doesn't want to learn. When I feel sleepy, I have a hard time

listening to my teacher or getting my work done.

When I feel sleepy, I need to use one of my break tools to help me wake up.



Move with the Space Explorer



Make different shapes with my Tangram Gel Puzzle

Wake up with my Pet Massager

I can do my best work when I feel awake and alert.

Describe what helps when you feel SLEEPY Draw or show how you feel when you're SLEEPY



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