

"Being Patient"

Tune: Clementine

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Sung: Being patient, being patient,
I must learn to wait my turn.
I am patient, oh so patient.
This is something I must learn.

*Example 1: (spoken to children) If
the story shows someone being
patient, point to your pretend/real
watch. If not, share your head "no."
Mom makes some cookies and says
they should cool. You want one right
now and take one.*

Chorus: Was she (he) patient?
Was she (he) patient?
Did she (he) wait for her turn?
Was she patient, oh so patient or is it
something she (he) must learn?

A colorful illustration of several diverse children of various ethnicities and ages looking upwards with expressions of anticipation and excitement. The children are drawn in a soft, cartoonish style with large eyes and gentle smiles.

Example 2

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Example 2:

You are excited to go down the slide but 3 children are waiting in front of you. You wait and go when the children in front of you have had their turn.

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Example 3

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Example 3:

You are at the fair and you see a cotton candy booth. You LOVE cotton candy. You grab your mom's hand and budge in line in front of others.

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Example 4:

You are watching TV with your brother. You like cartoons, but he is watching a football game. You sit down and watch the game with him without complaining.

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A colorful illustration of a group of diverse children, including a boy with glasses and a girl with pigtails, smiling and looking towards the center. The title 'Example 5' is overlaid on this illustration.

Example 5

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Example 5:

It is pizza night. Your dad ordered a taco pizza, but you don't like lettuce. You stomp your feet and walk out of the room.

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Example 6

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Example 6:

You are playing soccer at recess. Your team loses the game. You walk up to a friend on the other team and say, "Great job! I hope I am on your team next time."

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Example 7

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Example 7:

You are in the library. When it's time to check out a book, your friend checks out "Not Now!" You wanted to read that book. You cry and tell that classmate you are not their friend.

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What other examples can you give of someone being patient or impatient? Sing the new verses.