The importance of presenting a united front in parenting is upheld in both folk wisdom and scientific literature. Still, despite the wealth of productive research on parent-child interaction (Bateman & Church, 2017; Filipi, 2009; Gardener & Forrester, 2010; Keel, 2016; Goodwin & Cekaite, 2018; Ochs & Kremer-Sadlik, 2013; Wootton, 1997), we have very little knowledge of how such a united front is assembled in situ, i.e., how can we be collaborative without being competitive in the micro-seconds of family interaction? In this talk, using dinner table conversations from my own family, I begin with a brief overview of two broad sets of member resources deployed to neutralize this dilemma: complement and cement. The bulk of the talk will be devoted to detailing some specific practices of accomplishing complementing – or doing “being a band.” Findings contribute to the growing literature on parent-child interaction that has yet to spotlight the practices of co-parenting. The methods of collaboration without competition may also be applicable to a wider range of settings beyond co-parenting.