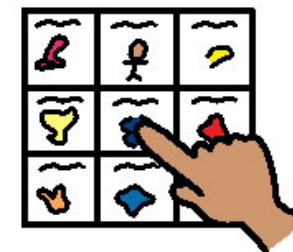


Communication Top Tips

Use these Top Tips at home to support your child's communication!

1. Keep language simple - use short sentences and familiar words.
2. Give one instruction at a time.
3. Slow down.
4. Make sure what you say matches the way you say it.
5. Remember your child's level of understanding.
6. Get down to your child's level.
7. Accept and value all forms of communication as equally important e.g. pointing is valued the same as speech.
8. Use visual supports e.g. symbols, photos, objects, and sign.

9. Model different methods of communication - you need to teach the system!
10. Show your child what you are talking about.
11. Remember behaviour can be a form of communication.
12. Give your child time to get their message across.
13. Means, Reasons and Opportunities! Create the opportunities for communication.
14. Communication needs to be all day, every day.



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