

## TEACHING METHODS: *ROLE PLAY & SCRIPTING*

~description of targeting vocabulary and communicative interaction around specific scenarios~

**Scripting** is targeting vocabulary associated with an activity or context that is pre-planned and prepared (scripted), in order to provide the user of AAC with a predictable set of words/phrases to use in extended interactions with a partner. Visual supports can offer scaffolds for both AAC user and their partners.

### ***Script categories include:***

- **Action Scripts:** Engages the user and partner in an active interaction such as book reading, feeding, etc. The user of AAC receives immediate, tangible feedback regarding the conversation.
  - **Partner:** What is it time for? (*tube feeding*)
  - **User:** It is time for (*name of activity*). Please get my (*equipment*).
  - **Partner:** (*Get equipment*). Anything else?
  - **User:** Wash your hands please.
  - **Partner:** No problem (*washes hands*)
  - **User:** Please attach my g-tube.
  - **Partner:** (*attaches g-tube*)
  - **User:** Put food in.
- **Participation Scripts:** Increases the number of reciprocal communication exchanges around daily, cooperative activities (i.e. story leader, show and tell, picture description)
  - **Partner:** Look what Tommy bought to school today (*shows item*)! What color is it?
  - **User:** Black
  - **Partner:** Can you think of a question to ask Tommy about his favorite thing?
  - **User:** Who play?
  - **Partner:** Tommy, Sam asked, who do you play this with?
- **Conversation Scripts:** Encourages users of AAC and partners to expand interactive, conversational exchanges (i.e. weekend news, movie discussion, etc)
  - **Partner:** How was your weekend?
  - **User:** It was fun
  - **Partner:** What did you do?
  - **User:** I go movies.
  - **Partner:** Cool, what did you see? My weekend was busy.

**Role Play** is the acting out of a script with a partner to practice communication

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