

TRANSITION STRATEGIES: COMMUNICATOR PREFERENCES FOR USER OF AAC

~personalized description of strategies to make communication easier with partners~

AAC User Instructions: Read the lists below. Highlight those strategies that fit for you. Add more information & customize for yourself, as needed. Distribute this list or program these strategies in your SGD so others know your preferences.

Communicator: _____

Communication Partners...Please consider these preferences when we are talking.

<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TALK TO ME...
	Please come over close to me.
	Please make sure it is as quiet as possible in the room (TV, music, door closed).
	Stand -OR- Sit beside me so you can see my communication device/system.
	Stand -OR- Sit in front of me so you can see & hear me as I talk.
	Ask me if I am all set up. -OR- if I need help setting up.
	Please tell me when you're ready to talk/listen to me.
<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN YOU ARE TALKING TO ME ...
	Please look at me. It helps me follow what you're saying when I can look at & listen to you.
	Please speak slowly so I can follow. It helps me hear you.
	Please don't say too much at one time. It helps me follow what you are saying.
	Ask me if I understand what you mean /what you're saying. It helps me keep up.
	Please <i>show</i> me what you mean as you talk. It helps me understand.
	Please don't speak for me to others. I want to speak for myself.
	Ask me if I need help if I seem to get stuck. If I say yes, it's OK to help me say it.
	It's OK to predict aloud what you think I'm saying as I spell or talk.
	Please let me finish what I'm saying. I'd rather you don't try to guess as I speak.
<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING I AM SAYING...
	Please let me know you aren't understanding! Ask me to repeat it.
	It's OK to ask me to repeat it again.
	Come look at my SGD screen -OR- Look at my system as I talk.
	Ask me to say it another way, show you, or add different /more words to explain.
	Repeat back what you did understand then ask me if that's what I meant.
	It's OK to ask me YES/NO questions to clarify what I mean.
	I will tell you <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> . Here's how:
	I will sometimes spell some or all of my messages.
	It's OK to predict or guess what I'm saying as I spell or formulate my messages.
	I prefer you wait until I am finished with my message. I will let you know when done.
	Please talk to me directly, rather than asking others what I am saying or mean.
	It's OK to ask someone else who is familiar with my communication what I mean.
	If I look like I'm having difficulty using my system, it's OK to ask if I need help.
	Please tell me when you're ready to talk/listen to me.
	Please be patient. It may take me awhile to say my message.



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