

Teaching Emotions Using Speech Devices

Activities for Teaching Emotions Using Speech Devices:

Emotion of the Day: Use a QuickTalker Freestyle to select the “Emotion of the Day” each morning. Encourage children to show where they feel the emotion in their body.

Sing-Along Emotions: Sing songs with your user about emotions and use the device to choose the next emotion in the song. “Happy and You Know It” or “How Are You” songs are great sing-alongs!

Emotions Story Time: Read a short story together and ask your user what emotions they see in the book or how a character might be feeling. At the end of the story, you can ask them how the book made them feel!

Feeling Finder: Hide pictures of different emotions around the room. As children find them, they can use the speech device to label the emotion, promoting picture recognition and problem solving skills!

Emotions Bingo: Engage your learners in this fun game that works on matching skills and sustained attention. Have them label the emotions on the device or program the word Bingo so they can call out once they win!



Tips to Remember

Expand Emotional Vocabulary:

Make sure emotions are available on the device. Include complex emotions, like frustration or embarrassment, as well as basic emotions. Everyone needs access to a wide variety of vocabulary to express themselves fully.

Teach Emotions in Real-Time:

When a child shows emotion, acknowledge and name it on the device, like “frustrated” when upset. Repeat in-context.

Model Emotions Daily:

Use emotion words throughout the day to describe your feelings and others’, helping kids connect emotions and their use. It can be challenging to learn some emotions, like anger, in the moment, so model them in other contexts and activities.