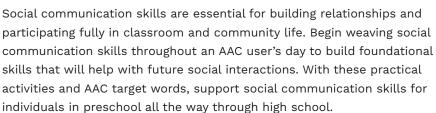


Empowering Social Communication Frough AAC





Preschool

Greeting and Farewell Routines: Practice daily hellos and goodbyes with teachers, peers, and family members.

Target Phrases: "Hi", "Bye", "See you later", "Good morning."

Peer Play and Sharing: Practice playing alongside and with peers, taking turns with preferred toys.

Target Phrases: "Can I have it?", "Your turn", "Let's share", "Thank you."

Expressing Feelings: Help children identify and express basic emotions throughout the day.

Target Phrases: "Happy", "Sad", "Mad", "I feel", "I like it", "I don't like it."

Additional Preschool Activities to Target Social Communication Skills

- Snack Time Practice requesting food items and saying "please" and "thank you."
- Circle Time A great opportunity to target responding to yes/no questions and participating in group songs or shared book reading.

Elementary School

Turn Taking Activities: Practice turn-taking skills through simple board or card games.

Target Phrases: "My turn", "Your turn", "Who's next?", "You win!"

Practice Extending Invitations: Model inviting others to join a game or activity.

Target Phrases: "Do you want to play?", "Let's play together", "Want to join?"

Encourage Good Sportsmanship: Model phrases that show respect and inclusion with peers.

Target Phrases: "Good job!", "That was fun!", "Want to play again?"

Additional Elementary Activities to Target Social Communication Skills

- Show and Tell Practice telling a short story or describing preferred objects.
- Playground Interactions A great opportunity to model turn taking and playing with others in a natural environment.

Middle School

Practice Initiating Conversations: Model how to initiate conversations with familiar and unfamiliar communication partners.

Target Phrases: "How was your weekend?", "What did you think about...?", "Did you see/hear about...?"

Sharing opinions or preferences: Consider dedicating a page on the AAC device to the user's personal preferences and interests.

Target Phrases: "I like to ____", "I don't like to ____", "My favorite show/movies are ____"

Additional Middle School Activities to Target Social Communication Skills

- Conversational Games Such as table topics or conversation starter cards.
- Would You Rather Games to target expressing opinions.

High School

Group Projects: An opportunity to practice collaborative phrases and using language to express opinions.

Target Phrases: "I have an idea", "What if we try...?", "I can help with that."

Community Outings: Provide opportunities to practice skills like ordering food at a restaurant, checking out at the grocery store, or greeting others in a store.

Target Phrases: "I would like ____", "I'd like to check out", "How much is it?"

Job Interview Practice: Target introduction skills and describing professional preferences.

Target Phrases: "Hi, my name is ____", "I like to ____"

Additional High School Activities to Target Social Communication

- Obbate Activities To target respectful disagreement and active listening.
- Conversational Groups To target a variety of social communication skills such as understanding humor and discussing opinions.

Tips for Success Across All Levels

Modeling: Continuously model social phrases in natural contexts throughout the day.

Role Play: Set up practice situations to reflect real-world situations.

Customize Vocabulary: Ensure device vocabulary matches the student's interests and personality.

Practice Regularly: Build in daily opportunities for social communication.

Peer Support: Encourage classmates to be patient and respectful communication partners.

Social communication is a skill that everyone continues to develop throughout their lives, and having the right vocabulary ready makes these interactions smoother and more successful.



