

Modeling AAC in Life Skills

Quick Tips for Modeling

- Keep the AAC device charged and available to model AAC all day
- Pause and wait to give students time to respond
- Keep it simple and model 1–2 key words at a time
- Respond to all communication attempts, every message matters

Model these during Life Skills

✓ Activities of daily living

WORDS TO MODEL

take, hold, more, all done, stop, put, on, off, give

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- **Take** hairbrush
- **Put on** jacket

✓ Hygiene

WORDS TO MODEL

wash, soap, need, more, all done, turn, on, off, clean, dirty, bathroom, toilet, sink

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- Let's **wash** hands
- You need **soap**

✓ Cooking

WORDS TO MODEL

take, hold, stir, put, in, out, give, need, mix, pour, hot, cold, smell, taste, like, ingredients, utensils

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- **Put in** the milk
- I **like** cupcakes
- You need a **spoon**

✓ Job skills

WORDS TO MODEL

first, next, last, job, work, help, need, want, put, take, hold, on, off, in, out, give, go, more, stop, all done, break

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- **First** we need to ____
- **Help** me, please
- **Take** ____ and put down

✓ Cleaning

WORDS TO MODEL

take, hold, wipe, wash, help, clean, dirty, supplies, locations

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- Let's **clean** the table
- **Help** me dust the shelf

✓ Shopping & Community

WORDS TO MODEL

buy, pay, help, want, go, need, money, credit card, give, look, see, find, where

EXAMPLE PHRASES

- **Give** money to the cashier
- I **need** help to find something