

Motivating Your Child to Communicate



Exploring the QuickTalker Freestyle (QTF)

- ✓ Take the time to explore the QTF and the speech application for yourself. Your child will be learning primarily from you.
- ✓ Make sure the QTF is fully charged and accessible so your child can communicate during any opportunity!

Customize Your Child's QuickTalker Freestyle (QTF)

- ✓ Consider turning on 'Guided Access' to prevent your child from using the QTF as a tablet. Guided Access locks the device to the speech app.
- ✓ Take pictures of your child's family and favorite things so they recognize the real-life image associated with the icon.

Model, Model, Model!

- ✓ Keep it simple! Focus on modeling 1-3 words at a time. They are learning along with you! No need to overcomplicate it.
- ✓ Model use of the QTF during their favorite times of the day and their preferred activities! We want to pair communication with positive experiences, so keep it fun!
- ✓ Avoid "testing" your child's ability to use the QTF. Instead, model or show them how to navigate and communicate using the QTF while learning together.

Let Them Be Heard!

- ✓ Always honor your child's communication. If they request an unavailable item, acknowledge it and validate that you understand what they asked for.
- ✓ Once your child learns that communication is power, they will learn that they can functionally communicate using the QTF!



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