What Is Modeling?

You're ready for your next step

Now that you've gotten to know your **QuickTalker Freestyle**, it's time to give it
a try with your loved one. You can do this using a technique called modeling.

You don't need to wait until your loved one is *"ready."* Just start modeling
during simple, everyday moments and they will begin to learn.

What Is Modeling?

Modeling is a teaching strategy where you use
the QuickTalker Freestyle to demonstrate how
it helps to communicate. You simply tap a word
on the device as you say it. You do not expect
them to respond or copy you. This shows how
messages are built and what the device is for
without putting pressure on them to perform.

Why It Matters

When your loved one sees and hears you use
their device, they will begin to understand that it
is a tool for communication. They may even get
excited-be enthusiastic with them!

Even if they haven't touched the device yet,
they're learning with every word you model. So
keep trying and showing and tapping!

How To Model

1. **Place it.** Keep the device where your loved one can see and reach it.
2. **Pick 1–2 words.** Choose words that fit the moment — like eat, more, go, or all done.
3. **Say it and tap it.** Speak naturally and tap the word at the same time.
4. **Invite don't expect.** You're showing, not testing. No need to ask questions or wait for a response.
   Watching and listening are powerful ways to learn.
5. **Keep it natural.** Use your regular voice and move on. Every time you model a word, you help your loved
   one see that communication matters.

Try it in Real Life

Short, repeated routines are perfect for modeling because they happen every day.
Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Snack time:
- Say "You want more crackers."
- Tap more or crackers

Play time:
- Say "Ready, Set, Go!"
- Tap go

Bedtime:
- Say "Let's open the toothpaste."
- Tap open

Remember... You're showing the way.

Be patient with yourself and your loved one, and give yourselves time to learn and grow
together. Every time you model, you're helping your loved one discover how to use their voice,
one word at a time.

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