







My Communication Needs

– and How You Can Help




Set the stage:

	 AGREE	 NEUTRAL	 DISAGREE
Quiet environments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Less distractions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sit at my level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like space, don't get too close	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help me modify the volume of my device to an appropriate level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A table with a power outlet nearby	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What you can do to help:

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Give me more time to respond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talk more slowly to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talk to me in a normal, natural tone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Give me choices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ask one question at a time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Always ask for my opinion and consent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keep my device charged	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Include me in group conversations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>




What you can do to help:
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Ask me for feedback on how you are doing to support my communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Respect & respond to any form of communication I choose to use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What I need:

Help setting my device up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visual supports (pictures, keyword writing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Model/show me how to use my device in certain situations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use the device with me to help me become more comfortable and familiar with the device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>




What I need:
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Help finding a folder or icon on my device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prior notice of topics to help me prepare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help adding relevant phrases/questions/words to my device for specific interactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I like:

When people talk to me, not the people who assist me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open-ended questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yes/no questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talking about my interests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I like:
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Telling jokes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Breaks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When people respect my personal space and refrain from touching me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When people ask if I want help before helping me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When you look at me, not my device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When people explain my communication needs to new partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phrases to tell people what they're doing wrong programmed on my device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>




I like:
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Scripts and stories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talking one on one	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talking in groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>




I don't like:

People touching my device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People shouting at me (my ears work just fine)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guessing games	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Babytalk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I don't like:
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Too many questions — testing what I know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People looking at my AAC device screen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When people explain my communication needs to new partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scripts and stories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical touch or hand-over-hand help	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anyone taking my device away from me, even to make changes I need or want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

When things go wrong, here's what works for me:

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Repeat yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ask clarifying questions, one at a time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait longer than you think you should	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Simplify your message	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Remind me to use my AAC device	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>