

Communication Partner Strategies

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Ask only one question at a time. Wait for an answer before moving on.

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Ask open-ended questions (most independent):
"What do you want?" "How do you feel?" "What do you need?"

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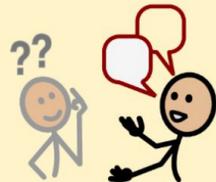
Model and prompt selections using **KEYWORDS** (not full sentences). Example: "Pain... arm... leg..." (while pointing or highlighting each option)

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Narrow down options gradually. Example: "Is it about food?" → "Fruit or drink?"

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Give two clear choices. Example: "Pillow or blanket?"

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Ask yes or no questions. Example: "Do you want water? Yes or No?" (wait for an answer) "Is it something different?"

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Scan through the options (most support). Present options one at a time for the person to indicate yes/no (eye gaze, blink, switch).

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Give immediate feedback. Example: "You want water." or "I'm not sure I understand. Let's try again."