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# GET Help:



### "My child doesn't say any words!" **MULTIMODAL LANGUAGE LEARNING**

Multimodal language learning is an approach used to encourage communicative intent and interactions. It incorporates spoken words, signs, pictures, gestures, and written words when communicating with your child. For example, signing while saying a spoken word or choosing a picture card while saying a word, etc.

#### Myths

- Using nonverbal language such as sign language, picture cards, or AAC will delay speech
- Using multiple modes of communication confuses children

#### **Facts**

• Using multimodal communication increases the avenues used for langauge learning. It makes learning easier!

#### Why Multimodal?

- Visual communication systems use the same brain circuits as oral communication does. Using visual communication may help build up these circuits, laying the groundwork for oral speech.
- The goal is to help the person transition from the visual to the verbal, first by making the connection between the two, and then by doing traditional speech work.

Try these strategies in addition to verbal language!

- USE GESTURES, FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, AND EYE-GAZE **DURING MEALTIME**
- USE PICTURE CARDS OR REAL **OBJECTS TO COMMUNICATE**
- USE A SIMPLE RECORDABLE **BUTTON SWITCH.**
- CHOICE BOARD **WITH A PICTURE AND WORD LABEL**



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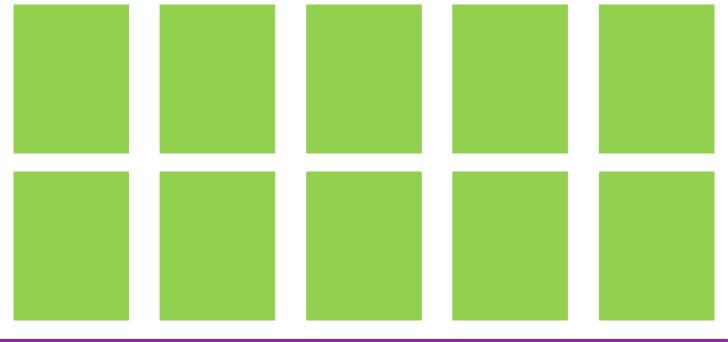






## VISUAL SCHEDULE

CUT OUT THE PICTURE CARDS BELOW AND KEEP THEM IN A
ZIPLOCK BAG. WHEN YOU AND YOUR KIDDO WAKE UP,
PLACE THE PICTURE CARDS INTO THE SQUARES TO CREATE
A MULTIMODAL VISUAL SCHEDULE!





























## **CHOICE BOARD**

With this choice board, you can use 5 DIFFERENT MODES OF LANGUAGE! Your child is...

HEARING THE WORD READING THE LETTERS

SEEING A
PICTURE

**GESTURING** 

SEEING OR USING A SIGN

## **HOW TO USE**

Cut out the picture cards below and keep them in a bag. Ask your child what they want to do. Present the cards with activities that are available. Alternatively, you could ask your kiddo to point to what they want below. Always model the word while pointing to the word on the card! You can also add the sign corresponding to the word found on the next page)

