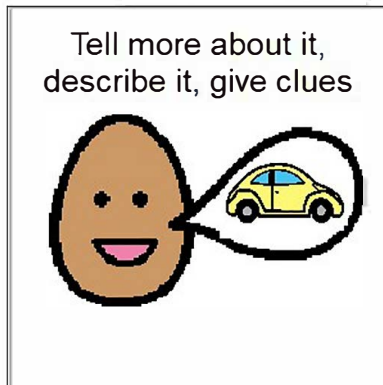
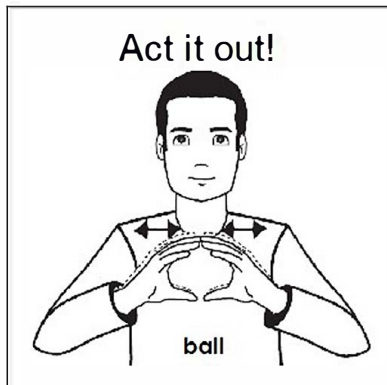
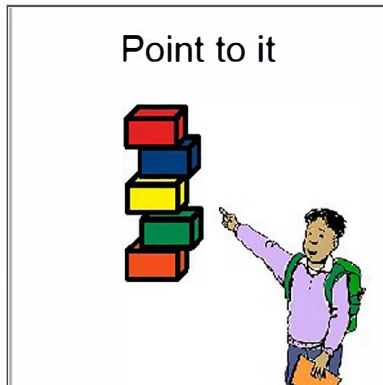
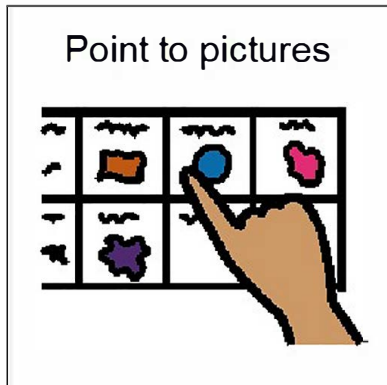
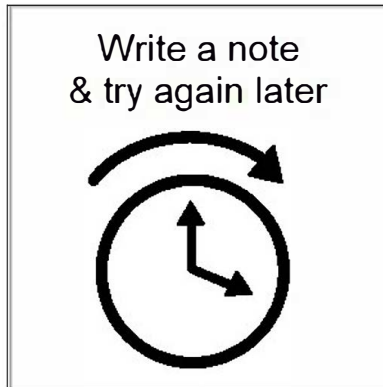
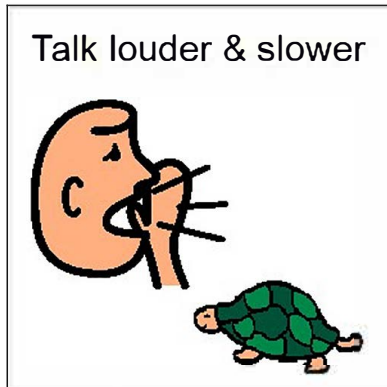


If someone does not understand what I say,  
I can...



## Ideas for Adults

1. Use your body, facial expressions, and words to show/say when you do not understand (shrug, palms up, confused look, "I don't know what you said").

2. Label behaviors that other kids may use if they do not understand a message ("Ashley looks confused. She didn't hear what you said.")

3. Acknowledge kids' messages - let them know that you are listening and that you'll work together to figure out what they're trying to say.

4. You can offer kids a choice of a couple strategies so that they can choose which one to try, or cue them to use a specific strategy by pointing to it/labeling it.

5. You can support kids to "tell you more about" what they are talking about by asking specific questions that help to narrow down the topic.

Offer choices: "Hmm, were you talking about the car or the helicopter?" "Are you talking about someone at school or at home?"

Ask wh-questions to help them describe what they want to talk about: "What does it look like?" "Where do you find it?"

Re-state what you understood, and ask questions or give fill-in-the-blanks that target the specific part of the message that you missed. "You went to the park with...." "WHERE did you go with mom this morning?"

