

TOP 10 COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

FOR CHILDREN

Effective communication strategies are crucial for children with speech and language disorders to help them develop their communication skills and interact successfully with others. Here are ten strategies for supporting children with speech and language disorders:

1	Early Intervention: Begin intervention as early as possible. Early speech therapy and support can significantly improve a child's communication abilities.
2	Visual Aids: Utilize visual aids such as pictures, symbols, or charts to help children understand and express themselves. Visual support can enhance comprehension and communication.
3	Simplify Language: Use simple and clear language when speaking to the child. Avoid using complex or abstract terms. Break down information into smaller, manageable parts.
4	Practice Patience: Be patient and give the child ample time to respond. Avoid finishing their sentences or interrupting them. Encourage them to express themselves at their own pace. For more results, sign up for <u>Better Speech</u> and get a speech therapy program tailored to your child's needs.
65	Use Nonverbal Communication: Nonverbal cues like gestures, facial expressions, and body language can support verbal communication and help convey meaning.



6	Encourage Social Interaction: Facilitate opportunities for the child to interact with peers and family members. Social interactions can enhance their communication skills and build confidence.
?	Structured Communication: Create structured routines and schedules to help children anticipate communication situations, making them feel more comfortable and confident. <i>Ex: On tuesday's your child knows he will have baseball.</i> <i>Speak about baseball before, using terminology</i> <i>commonly used during the game.</i>
8	Play-Based Learning: Engage in play-based activities and games that incorporate speech and language goals. Play can be an enjoyable and effective way to practice communication skills, and children build off what they see and hear in their current environment.
9	Consistency: Maintain consistency in using specific strategies and techniques across different settings and with different communication partners. Consistency can reinforce learning and progress.
10	Steady rate of speech: Encourage a steady rate of speech so your child can convey his/her thoughts effectively.

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