

Below are some of the different reasons why we communicate:

REQUESTING

Asking for things, actions, or help

Examples: *I want cookies, blow bubbles, I need help*

REJECTING/REFUSING

Saying that one does not want something or does not agree

Examples: *no, stop, all done, no like*

COMMENTING

Sharing thoughts, feelings, or what we see

Examples: *I like that, I feel mad, I see a dog, yummy*

GREETINGS

Saying hello, goodbye, or other social niceties

Examples: *hi, bye, please, thank you*

ASKING QUESTIONS

Seeking information from others

Examples: *What is your name? Where is my iPad?*

GIVING INFORMATION

Providing information, answering questions, or telling stories

Examples: *My name is, I am going to the park*

EXPRESSING EMOTIONS

Sharing feelings like happiness, sadness, or frustration

Examples: *I feel mad, I am happy*

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Engaging in conversation, making jokes, or participating in social activities

Examples: *Your turn, Do you want to play a game?*



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