

Modeling is very important! We learned to speak by watching and listening to others speak, so it is important for our AAC users to see and hear other people talk using their communication system. ***Below are some things to remember when modeling:***



## GET THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The communication system should always be available.

## MODEL KEY WORDS

Touch the buttons of the key words you are saying. You don't need to model everything you say, but model the important words.



## MODEL - A LOT!

The amount of times you model on the device is important. Model all day, every day, everywhere.

## EXPAND AND ADD ON

Add to what they are saying. If they are using their device and only saying single words, model how to use two words. If they are using two words, model three. Help them grow their language by modeling.

## MODEL DIFFERENT COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS

We communicate for so many reasons. We ask for things, ask for help, make comments, and share information. There are so many things to talk about!



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