



MATERIALS LIST

Step 1: Identify 1 student in your class to focus on for this training. You will make items for that student throughout the training. Questions to ponder:

1. What is the comprehension level of the student? Do they understand language by the actual object, or do they understand representation, such as a photo, picture, or word? If unsure, go one level lower than where you think they understand and combine with next higher level: object + photo; picture + word, etc.
2. What are the student's high interest areas? Think TV shows, cartoon characters, animals, electronics, games, toys, movie/TV actors, etc.
3. What are high motivators for this student? Think preferred activities, people, toys, computer time (foods if a last resort), etc.
3. List the daily and weekly activities in your classroom and specials for that student, e.g., Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Group, Calendar, Snack, Lunch, Recess, P.E. Art, Music, Library, Computer, Speech, OT, PT, etc.

Step 2: Gather appropriate materials **depending on the student's functioning level**, to create a schedule, 2-3 tasks, etc. A higher functioning student may need folders and a binder but not tray tasks; depending on the activity, some need both and students that need a lot of structure and concreteness may be best suited for tray tasks rather than paper and pencil tasks.

Cardboard Trays (from canned goods-grocery stores)

Plastic containers of various sizes: 1 lb. margarine tubs, deli tubs, baby food or snack cup containers, Dannon yogurt tubs, prescription pill containers (please wash them thoroughly to remove traces of meds), Gladware containers, etc.

Pictures: print pictures of TV characters, toys, school supplies, clothing, etc. (download images beforehand)

Small objects and manipulatives such as plastic animals, characters, toys, blocks, Legos, cars, puzzle pieces, beads, laces, etc.

Craft supplies such as: colored paper, tape, glue, stapler, scissor, Velcro, paperclips, magnetic tape, spring clothespins, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue gun and glue sticks, cardboard, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, foam egg carton, etc.

School & Office supplies: lined paper, binder, dividers, notebook, calendar/agenda, newspaper grocery ads, maps, file folders, tag/poster board (heavy weight cardstock paper works, too!), post-it notes, ruler, highlighter, books, workbooks, page protector, dry erase markers, dry erase board, etc.

Where to find inexpensive supplies: Your recycle bin and stuff you have at home, pictures from internet searches, Goodwill, thrift shops, DollarTree, 99 Cent Store, close by friends & family (ask them to clean non-porous items, if possible, in a solution of ½ cup bleach to 1 gallon water or use anti-bacterial wipes). Cardboard trays are in abundance at Fry's Food Stores.