

MODELING MADE SIMPLE

WHAT IS MODELING?

Modeling is when you use your child's AAC system to show them how to communicate. Just like babies learn to talk by hearing words, AAC users learn by seeing others use it!

HOW TO MODEL WITHOUT PRESSURE

- Use the AAC system yourself.
- Activate words on the device while you talk naturally.
- Do not force your child to copy you - just show them!
- Keep it fun! Model during songs, books, and play.

FOCUS ON CORE WORDS

- Core words are the **most frequently used words** in communication.
- Instead of just teaching specific nouns, teach words that are versatile!
- These words can be combined and expanded, making them more useful than just labeling objects.

COMMON CORE WORDS

- Go - 'Go fast!', 'Go again?'
- Want - "Want more?", 'Want that'
- Help - 'Help me.', 'Help open.'
- More - 'More snack.', 'More hugs.'
- Stop - 'Stop that.', 'Stop music.'
- Look - "Look big.", "Look, mom."
- Like - 'I like it.', 'Like book?'

KEEP IT SIMPLE

- Don't worry about full sentences, start with key words
- Model one word above what your child is doing.
- E.g., If they say 'go', you can model 'go fast!' or 'go now!'

