

Prompting Hierarchy for AAC and Language Support

Helping SLPs Fade Prompts to Promote independence

Most to Least Supportive

Full Physical Prompt (Hand-Under-Hand)

Physically guiding the user to support the action via placing your hand under their hand

Partial Physical Prompt

Light touch or partial assistance to initiate the movement

Modeling (Aided Language Input)

You press the icon or say the word while modeling its use

Gesture Prompt

You point or gesture toward the correct icon or choice

Verbal Prompt

Giving a spoken cue or direction

Visual Prompt

Providing a visual support like a picture, written word, or symbol

Time Delay / Expectant Look

Pause and give the individual time to respond before prompting

Independent Use

The individual communicates without any prompt