### DON'T do this......

**DON'T** expect a user to know how to communicate w/o direct models & instruction

**DON'T** do ALL the talking

**DON'T** overprompt

**DON'T** teach ONLY requesting

**DON'T** re-prompt too quickly

**DON'T** provide ONLY nouns

**DON'T** focus on vocabulary that won't be functional/used tomorrow

**DON'T** remove the device

**DON'T** move symbols

**DON'T** stop all "babbling" (exploring, button pressing)

**DON'T** keep the AAC system in their desk, cubbie, or backpack

**DON'T** expect sentences right away

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### DO this......

**☑ MODEL MODEL MODEL**
model expected communication behaviors BEFORE expecting to see those behaviors from the user

**☑ PRESUME COMPETENCE**

**☑ FOLLOW** prompt hierarchy

**☑ TEACH** language functions including directing, commenting, requesting assistance, etc...

**☑ WAIT** 10-20 sec. (w/an expectant look) before re-prompting!!

**☑ PROVIDE CORE WORDS**
including verbs & describing words (in addition to nouns)

**☑ COLOR CODE** parts of speech

**☑ KEEP** icon placement constant
keep repeated icons in the same location on each page/screen

**☑ ALLOW** user time to explore and learn the system

**☑ MAKE** AAC available at all times

**☑ PROVIDE** Aided Language Input

**☑ ASK** open-ended questions

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