



Communication Strategies

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Outline for Today



01.

What is communication?

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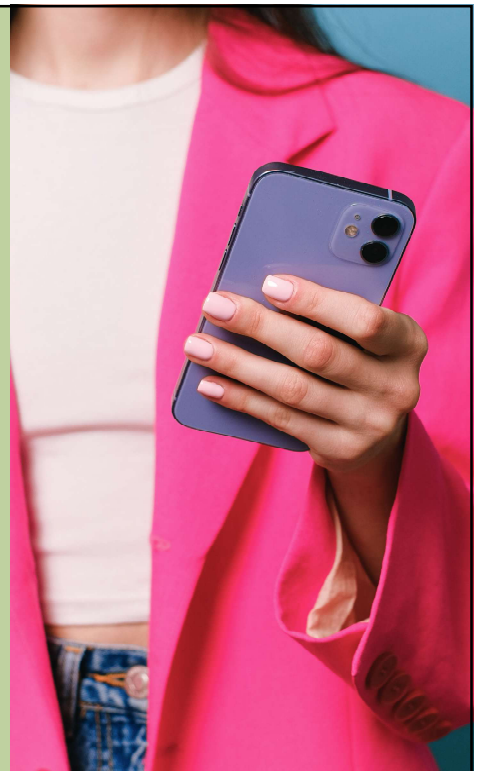
What are the communication difficulties of children with autism?

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What can I do to help my child communicate?

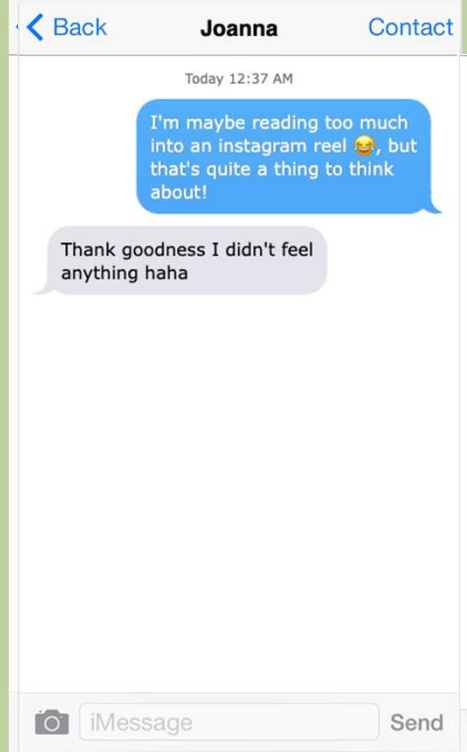
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What is communication?



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What kind of messages are being sent and received?



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Why do we communicate?

The reasons we communicate



Make our Needs Known



Start a Conversation



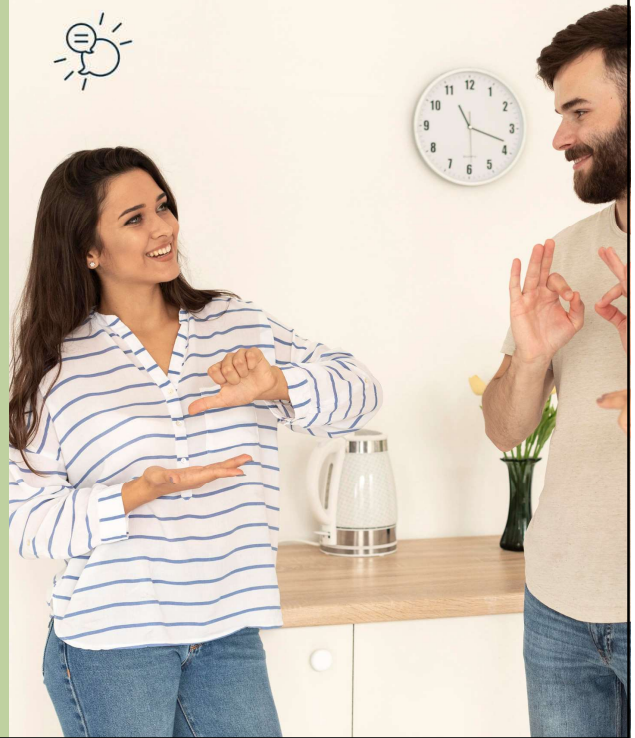
Keep the Conversation Going



Share Feelings

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How do we communicate?



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**More than words,
there's lots of ways
we express
ourselves**

Early Communication

- Touching
- Looking
- Giving/Reaching
- Pushing
- Pointing
- Head Shake
- Waving
- Sounds
- Coming Closer
- Crying/Whining
- Facial expressions

Verbal Communication

- Echolalia
- Words
- Sentences
- Sign Language
- AAC Systems

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Primary communication deficits of ASD

Keeping the
Conversation
Going



Sharing and
Understanding
Feelings



Nonverbal forms
of
communication



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Strategies



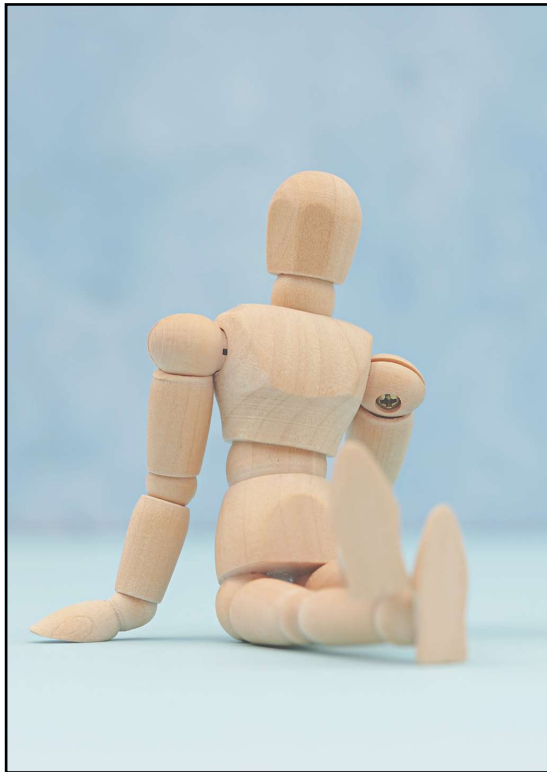
Serve and Return



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**What if my child
doesn't "serve"?**

**They don't start
interactions with
me....**

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Imitate

If your child struggles to look at or interact with you, help them learn the power of attention through imitation.

- Imitate their sounds, words, movements
- When they notice, then throw in a little something different



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Communication Starters....



Something hard

Toys that need you to operate



Something Silly

Playfully changing the routine



Something small

Making many opportunities to ask

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Resources



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Interpret



Use language from child's point of view.
What would he say if he could...

When you interpret, you give the child the language in that moment, which helps him feel heard, motivated to communicate, and able to develop FUNCTIONAL language.

