

# IDEAS FOR HOW TO ELICIT COMMUNICATION

© Speechy Musings

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## **Model, model, model.**

Model the target many times (at least 100) and for an extended period of time (at least a week) first.

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## **Get their attention.**

Make the activity fun! Be engaging and appeal to their interests.

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## **Insert a pause.**

After each request, question, or model, pause while you count slowly to 15.

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## **Provide the response.**

After a long pause, prompt them to answer. If they don't, provide the response yourself! Show them what they could have said.

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## **Talk to yourself.**

Even if they don't say anything, keep the conversation going! Use their AAC system to talk to yourself like you might with a baby or young child. Model self-questioning and self-talk.