

## Intervention Idea: Model with Aided Language Stimulation

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Provide a model for the child/adult child in the use of the Minspeak device by learning how to **talk with the device yourself**. This process of talking TO the child/adult using the Minspeak device is a form of Aided Language Stimulation (ALgS).

- General principles for doing Aided Language Stimulation with a Minspeak® device are:
  - Model 1 or 2 words beyond the child's adults current language output level
  - Model target vocabulary or grammatical structures
  - Model at a rate SLOW enough for the child/adult to observe the icon sequences
  - Pair with speech, as needed, to fill in the gaps
- Practice using the device to say simple social things, like hello, good- bye, please, thank you, you're welcome, and sorry. It is always best to use these words in these words in real-world opportunities, like when meeting someone (say hello) or leaving (say goodbye). Sometimes, your child will use his/her voice or face to say hello and goodbye, which is usually acceptable. Decide which one of these social words can not be adequately communicated with your child's voice, or face, or gestures.
- Practice simple mini-conversations with the child/adult. The codes for the words in these sentences will vary based on the Minspeak® Application Program being used. You'll have to learn them yourself.
  - Q & A Mini-Conversations
    - Question: How are you?
    - Possible Answers: I am good, I'm ok, Not so good.
  
    - Question: How do you feel?
    - Possible Answers: I feel okay, I feel sick, I am tired, I am sad.
  
    - Question: Where are we going?
    - Possible Answers: We are going home, we are going away, we are going over there, we are going back.
  
    - Question: What did you do today?
    - Possible Answers: nothing, I worked hard, the same things.
  
    - Question: Why did you do that?
    - Possible Answers: I don't know, It looked fun.
  
    - Question: Who did this?
    - Possible Answers: I don't know, not me, you did

- Expand the amount of ALgS that you can provide, based on you proficiency in using and talking with the device yourself. Make it a goal to provide at least 5 models of the device per day.