

# Communicative Functions



**Why do we communicate?**

**More than requesting**

# The Big Picture

## Behavior Regulation

- Communicative actions used to regulate behavior for obtaining something in or changing the environment

## Social Interaction

- Communicative actions used to direct another's attention to oneself purely for social purposes

## Joint Attention

- Actions used to direct another's attention for the purposes of sharing focus on an activity or event

# and what does that look like?

## Behavior Regulation

- Requesting: *Actions or Objects*
- Protesting

## Social Interaction

- Greetings
- Showing off
- Requesting: *Social routines, Comfort, or Permission*

## Joint Attention

- Commenting: *about present or past situations*
- Requesting more information: *asking questions*
- Providing information: *telling a story*

# Reasons to Communicate

- Request item/action
- Ask for more
- Gain attention
- Protest/insist
- Greet/leave
- Command
- Request assistance
- Inform about self
- Inform about others
- Provide information
- Show interest in others
- Play with others
- Inquire
- Call/summon
- Seek/direct care
- Seek affection
- Seek approval
- Interrupt others
- Socialize
- Offer assist/warn
- Criticize
- Persuade
- Insult

- Comment
- Agree
- Argue/ disagree
- Suggest/advise
- Compliment/praise
- Describe item/action
- Express gratitude
- Make plans
- Make friends
- Assert self
- Offer empathy
- Self-advocate
- Repair conversation
- Request clarification
- Clarify meaning/ explain
- Share interests
- Share objects with others
- Deny/negate
- Affirm
- Instruct
- Deceive
- Remind
- Apologize
- Control

# Look at all those reasons to communicate

When you look at your day with your kids start thinking about where you can add some of these.

- Model telling someone how to do something
- Model communication repair- what do you do when someone doesn't understand you?
- What about telling a joke