

COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS



WHAT ARE THEY?

Communicative functions are the reasons we communicate. What message is this person trying to convey?

BEHAVIOR REGULATION

Communication behaviors that are used to get something or refuse something. This is language we use to control our environment and get our needs met.



SOCIAL INTERACTION

These communication behaviors are used to get someone's attention. We use this language and these behaviors when we want to greet someone.

JOINT ATTENTION

Language used to direct someone's attention and share information. This can be pointing to a picture in a book or labeling a dog on a walk.



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

We often get stuck in teaching requesting and protesting. It is definitely important to teach our kids how to get their needs met, and we want to be intentional about modeling language for interaction too.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Model language for all different reasons. Model language to show off something you are interested in, model language to talk about something you like or the language to tell a story.



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? DONATE BOOKS!

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