

Strategy Spotlight Sheet: Creating Communication Temptations

What It Is

Communication temptations are playful situations that encourage your child to communicate—by creating a little pause, a surprise, or an opportunity to request help.

Why It Helps

These moments motivate your child to use communication—like gestures, sounds, or words—because they *want* something to happen. It’s fun and purposeful!

Try It Out

- Put your child’s favorite toy in a clear container. Wait for them to ask for help.
- Give them one piece of a snack. Then, wait before offering more.
- Blow bubbles. Then, put the lid on the container. Wait to see what your child does.

Next Steps

- Watch how your child responds to these playful pauses.
- Wait a few seconds before jumping in—see if they gesture, look, or vocalize.
- Use communication temptations during play, meals, or routines—and talk with your SLP about what works best.

Notes:
