

INCLUSION  
STRATEGIES  
& TOOLS

# SIMPLIFY LANGUAGE

BY USING:



Slow Speech

Action Words



Fewer Words

First/ Then  
Statements



# ALL CHILDREN BENEFIT WHEN WE USE SIMPLE, CONCRETE AND CLEAR LANGUAGE.

## BE NEARBY

01

Position yourself close to the child. For example, being at arm's length. Speak slowly and calmly.

## ACTION WORDS

02

Use words that tell the child what to do. For example, saying, "Put boots on."

## FEWER WORDS

03

Communicate by using the least amount of words possible.

## WAIT FOR THE CHILD TO PROCESS

04

After communicating a message, allow time for the child to process what you said. Wait 10 to 15 seconds between giving and repeating instructions.

## VERIFY COMPREHENSION

05

Check in with the child to verify they understood the message.

## COMMUNICATION TOOLS

06

Support the child's communication needs by using visuals, objects, signs or gestures.

## FIRST / THEN

07

Simplify a sequence by saying to the child what happens before and after.