

## Use clear, concise language

Consider your use of language. Support important information and instructions with pictures, objects and gestures.

- ✓ Use fewer words.
- ✓ Slow down your rate of speaking.
- ✓ Speak clearly and directly to students, taking care over similarly-sounding words such as “trees” and “cheese”.
- ✓ Give students more time to process information.
- ✓ Explore a range of visual communication tools to support classroom routines and prepare for transitions.
- ✓ Use students’ names to gain attention before giving an instruction or asking a question.
- ✓ Display new vocabulary on a whiteboard or chart.

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