

Give clear instructions

- ✓ Eye contact helps students to process verbal information.
- ✓ Use exaggerated facial and body language to help convey meaning.
- ✓ Use visual cues to aid understanding and trigger memory.
- ✓ Give specific instructions to the student. For example, say “Put your reading book in the group box” rather than “Tidy up”.
- ✓ Use the student’s name at the beginning of the sentence.
- ✓ Use consistent vocabulary for the same instruction every time. This helps to place the instruction into the long-term memory.
- ✓ Keep instructions short.
- ✓ State what you want the student to do, not what they shouldn’t do.
- ✓ Although a student can repeat instructions back it may not mean they understand them. Regularly ask the student to check understanding.

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