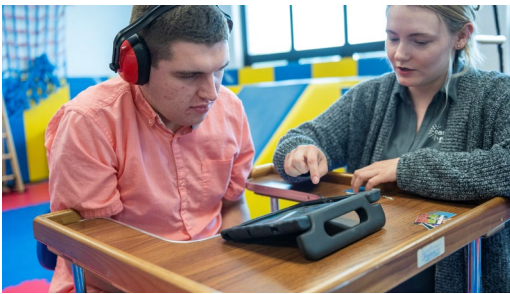


## What Is Modeling?

**It is a way to teach language and effective use of AAC in natural interactions using the student's speech-generating device.**

A communication partner doesn't need to model every word. Instead, focus on core words and other high impact words.



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## Why Is Modeling Important?

**Language development requires repeated exposure to words.**

Modeling is essential for students to learn the meaning behind the words in their speech-generating device. This allows them to authentically communicate.

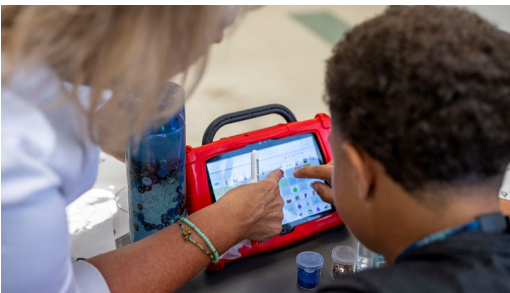


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## Implementing Modeling

**Point to 1-2 key words on the speech-generating device while speaking a sentence aloud.**

A communication partner may say "I like this book" while pointing to the words **I** + **like** on the student's device.

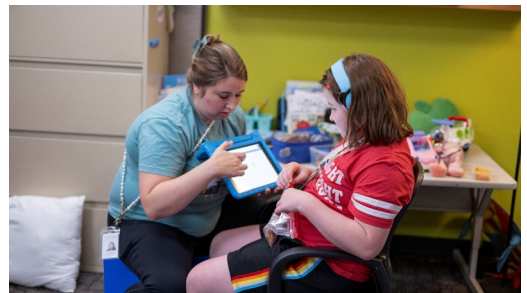


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## Tips for Effective Modeling

**To get the most impact out of modeling:**

- Model often + naturally
- Model all communication functions
- Slow down and provide time for the student to engage if they wish



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